

Stop... stalking... us...! XP

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If I had an animated hammer, I'd bonk each of the stubborn characters in this manga on the head. -sigh- I can only hope though... XD

- Lacaille

M e s s a g e



羽田伊吹

Ibuki Haneda

いよいよ優が登場しますね。
恋空読者さんの間では
「ヒロ派か優派か」で
話題になっているようですが、
私は…シンタロウ派です!(笑)
『恋空』には“いい男”が
いっぱい出て来ますね。

美嘉

Mika

進んでいくにつれ、
想いが前向きになってきています。
完結した時、
どれだけの想いを得ているのか、
今から楽しみです。



Sad
Love
Story

LoveSky

K o i s o r a

Comic by Ibuki Haneda Story by Mika

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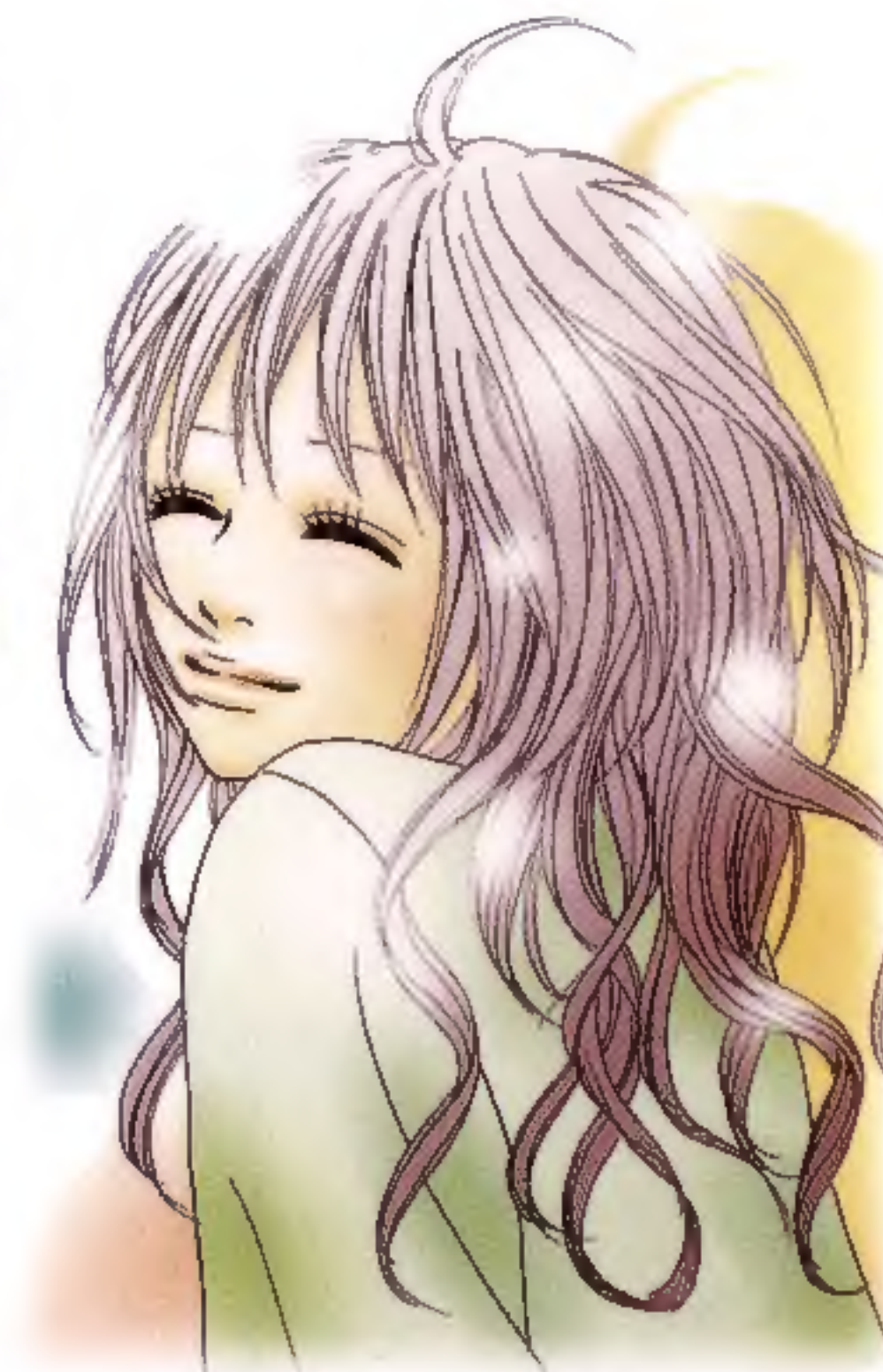
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新しい出会いが無い降りる。
ヤマト、シンタロウ、
イズミと大学生の優。

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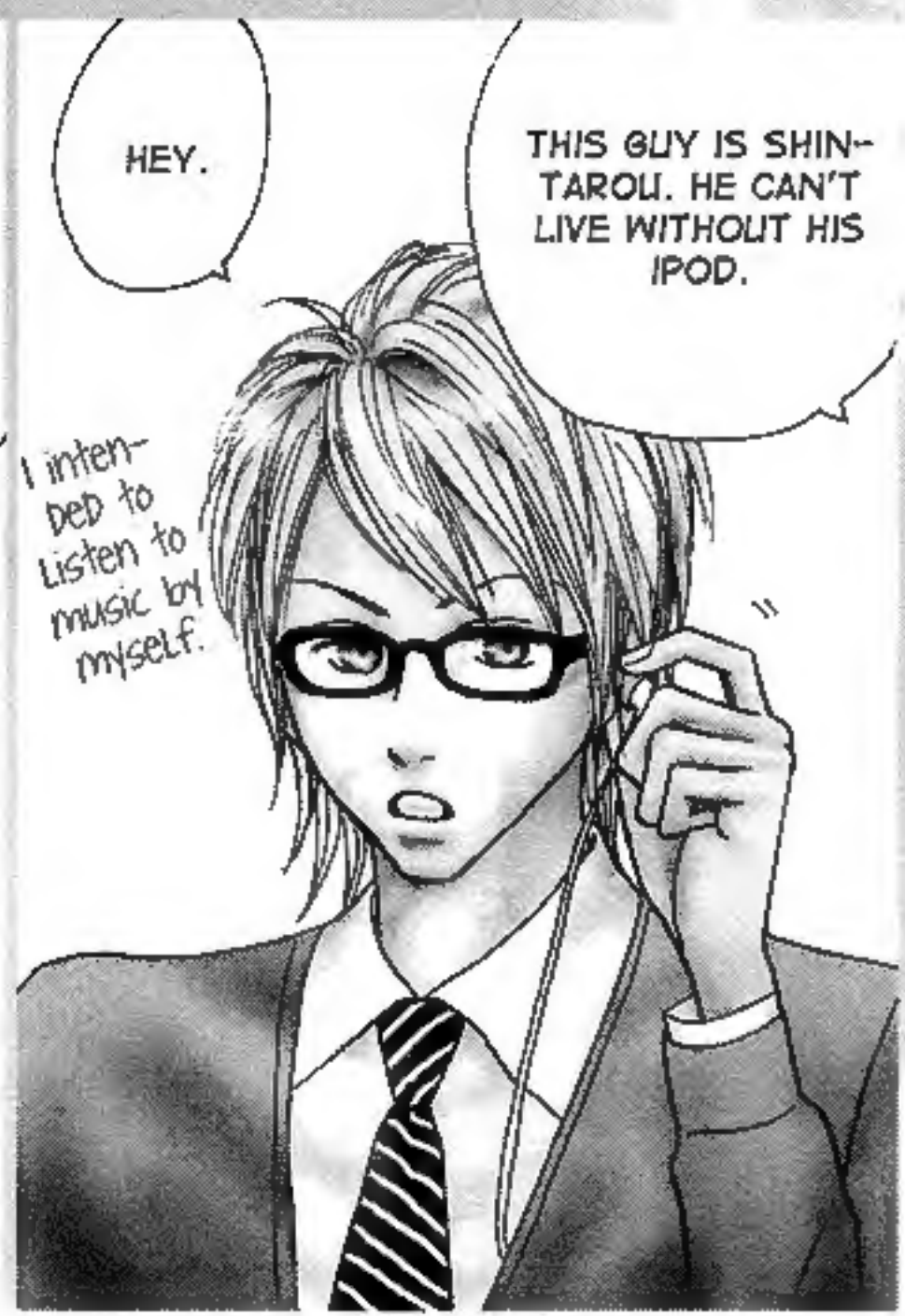
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This story is a fiction based on a real story. It has nothing to do with real characters or organizations. Also, drinking and smoking are depicted in this story, but underage drinking and smoking are prohibited by law.



JEEZ!

THIS IS
IZUMI. SHE'S
A GIRL, BUT
SHE HAS NO
SEX APPEAL.



HEY.

THIS GUY IS SHIN-
TAROU. HE CAN'T
LIVE WITHOUT HIS
IPOD.

I inten-
ded to
listen to
music by
myself.



THAT
HURTS.
...SO,

SHUT UP,
YAMATO!

TREAT THEM
NICELY, OK,
MIKA?

AHAHA,

OK.



K o i t o r a

Love Sky

#13

Sad Love Story



EH?

IZUMI ALWAYS
WANTED TO
TALK WITH
YOU, MIKA.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

*The friends I
just made...*

*seem very
interesting.*

YOU
KNOW,



JEEZ,
SHINTAROU!

IT'S
BECAUSE
SHE'S SO
TALL.

SHE SAID:
"SHE'S SO TINY
AND CUTE. I
WANT TO MAKE
HER MY LITTLE
SISTER."

*Thank
goodness...*

Ah,
hey, give
me back
my iPod!

YOU'RE
SAYING TOO
MUCH!



AND THEN,
YOU CAN
STILL COME
TO SCHOOL
AS IF IT'S NO
PROBLEM."

"YOU HIT
ON MY EX-
BOYFRIEND,



*I was at a
loss as to
what to do...*

*After Aya and
Miyabi started
ignoring me,*



*she doesn't know
that Miyabi started
dating Hiro even though
she knows how I feel
about him...*

*But I'm
sure—*

*She chose
Miyabi as
her friend...*

*Aya ... thinks I
snatched Nozomu
from her.*

AH...
YEAH...

ARE
YOU
OK?

MIKKA-
CHAN,

...

*I wonder... if
Aya won't trust
me anymore.*

...for the
field trip...

I grouped
up with
Aya and
Miyabi...

What
should I do...?

HEY, HEY,
WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO DO
IN OUR FREE
TIME DURING
THE TRIP?

...

AND THEN,
LET'S GO TO
M STREET
AND BUY
SOUVENIRS.

AH,
THIS PLACE
SEEMS LIKE
FUN, TOO.

LET'S GO
THERE.

WE CAN'T GO
WRONG WITH
"UNIVERSAL
LAND" AFTER
ALL, DON'T
YOU THINK?

H-HEY...

they're completely
ignoring me...

As I
thought...





What on Earth am I supposed to do...?

Having to go on the field trip in this kind of situation...

A letter...? Eh...?

tock

rustle

Mikan~♡
They said that we can hang out together in our free time during the trip even if we're not in the same group.



Ah...

Don't care about those girls who're ignoring you. Come to us~ ♪
Izumi



*I'll
also...*

*If those
two want
to do this,*

*That's...
right.*

...

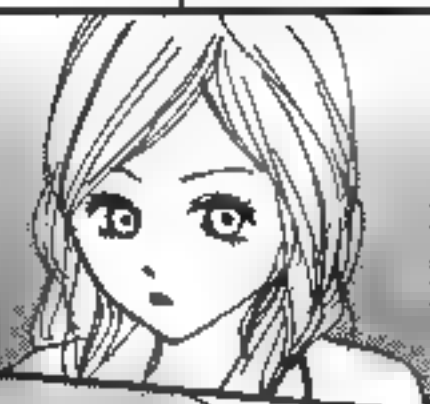
...know.

*Those
three...*

AYA,

MIYABI .

STANDS UP



I'LL JUST BE
A BOTHER IF I
STAY WITH YOU
GUYS, RIGHT?

THIS ISN'T
FUN FOR ME,
ANYWAY

YOU TWO CAN
GO WHEREVER
YOU WANT

YAY

I'll—

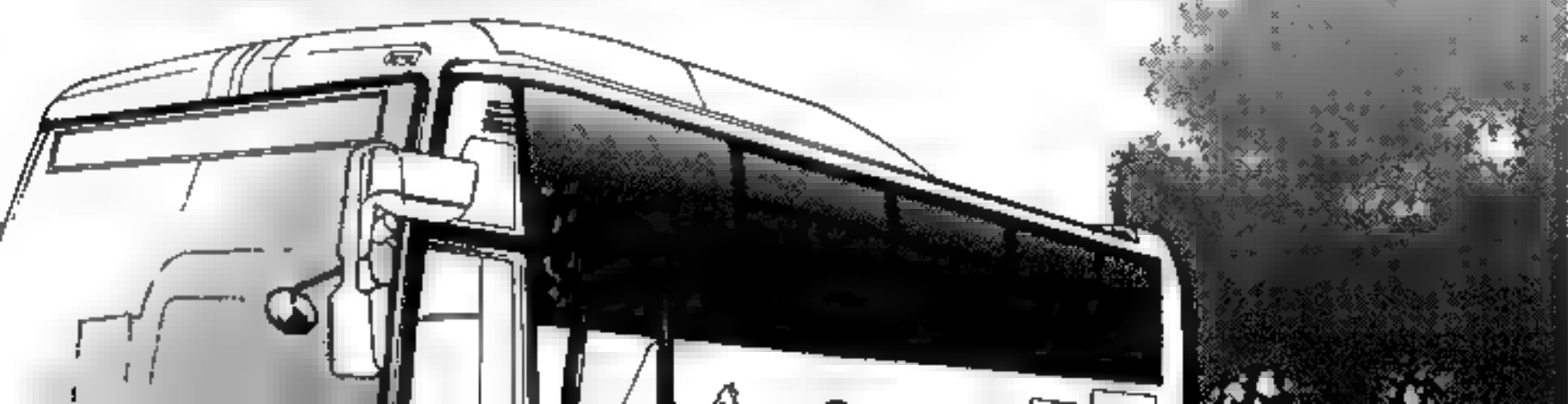
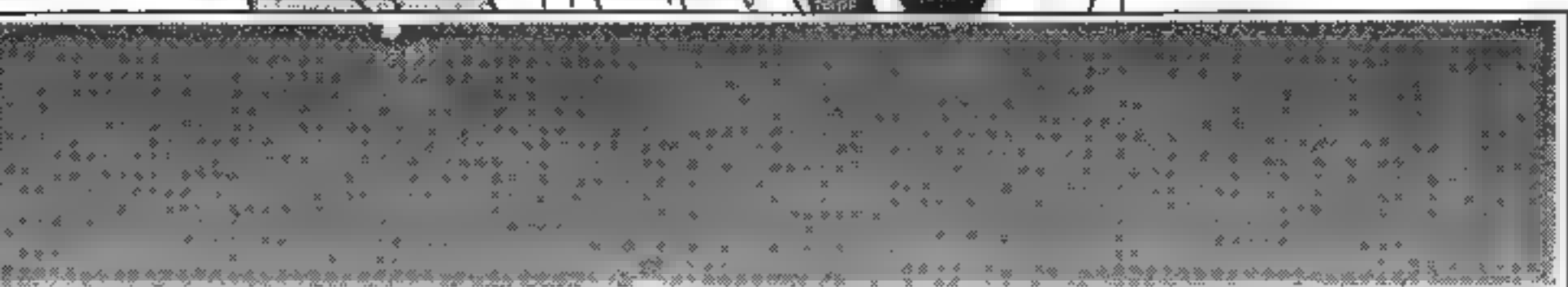
*But if I can't get
back my friendship,
there's nothing I
can do about it...*

*...To be honest, I
don't want this.*

BYE

*choose my
new friends.*

LET'S HAVE
LOTS OF FUN
TOGETHER!





...I WAS SO
EXCITED THAT
I COULDN'T
SLEEP...

LAST
NIGHT...

I'M
SORRY~

YOU'RE
LATE.

AH,
MIKA'S
HERE.

KYAHAAAA!
ARE YOU A KID
OR WHAT?



THAT'S RIGHT,
YOU SPOKE
TOO MUCH OF
THE TRUTH,
SHINTAROU.

SHUT
UP!



OH,
THERE'S
ANOTHER
KID HERE.

SOMEHOW,
IT'S JUST
REALLY
EXCITING,
ISN'T IT?

BUT I
CAN UN-
DERSTAND
THAT.

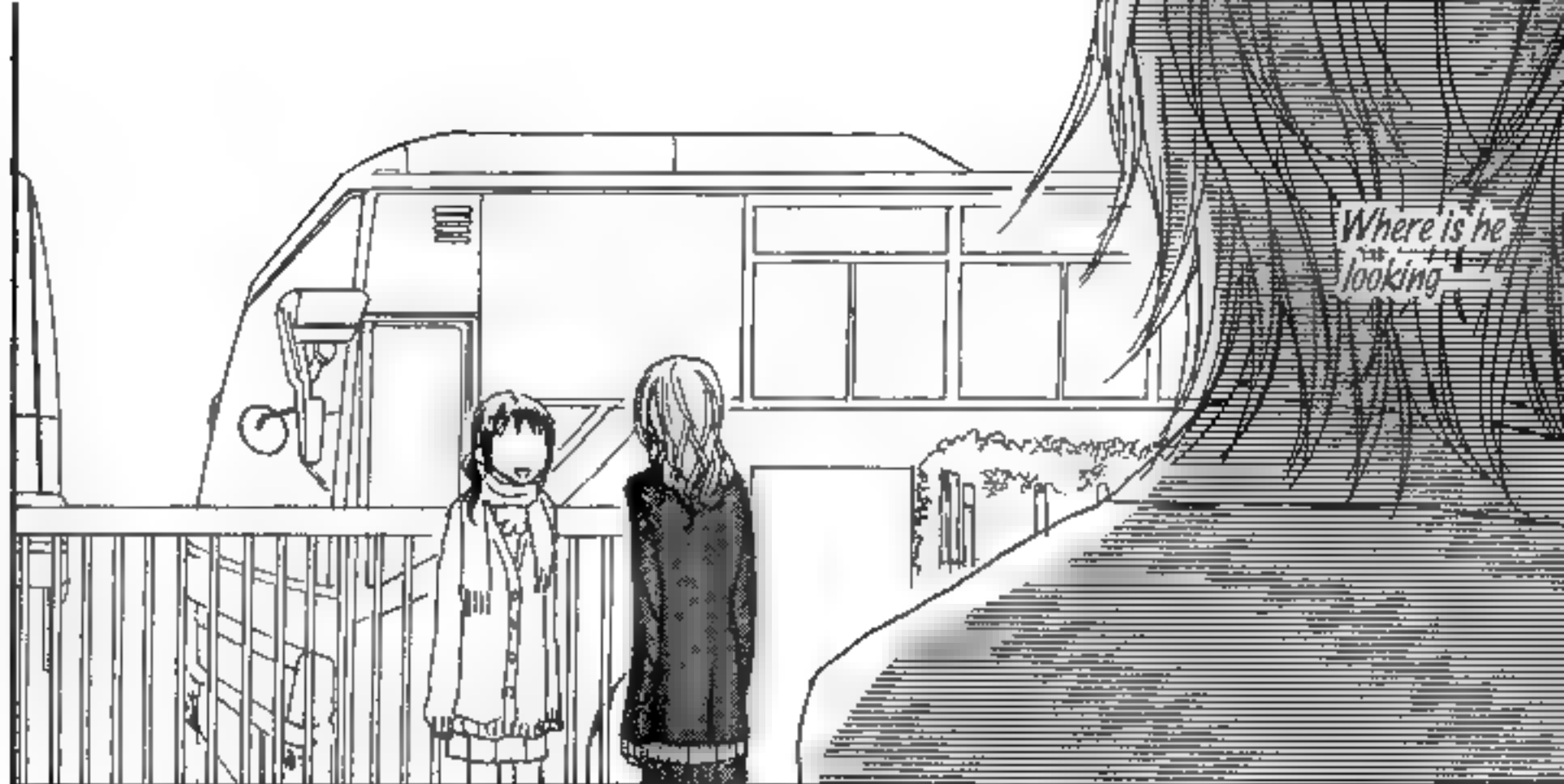
SHE'S KIND
OF HUGE,
THOUGH

*They get along well
without feeling awk-
ward because of their
different genders.*

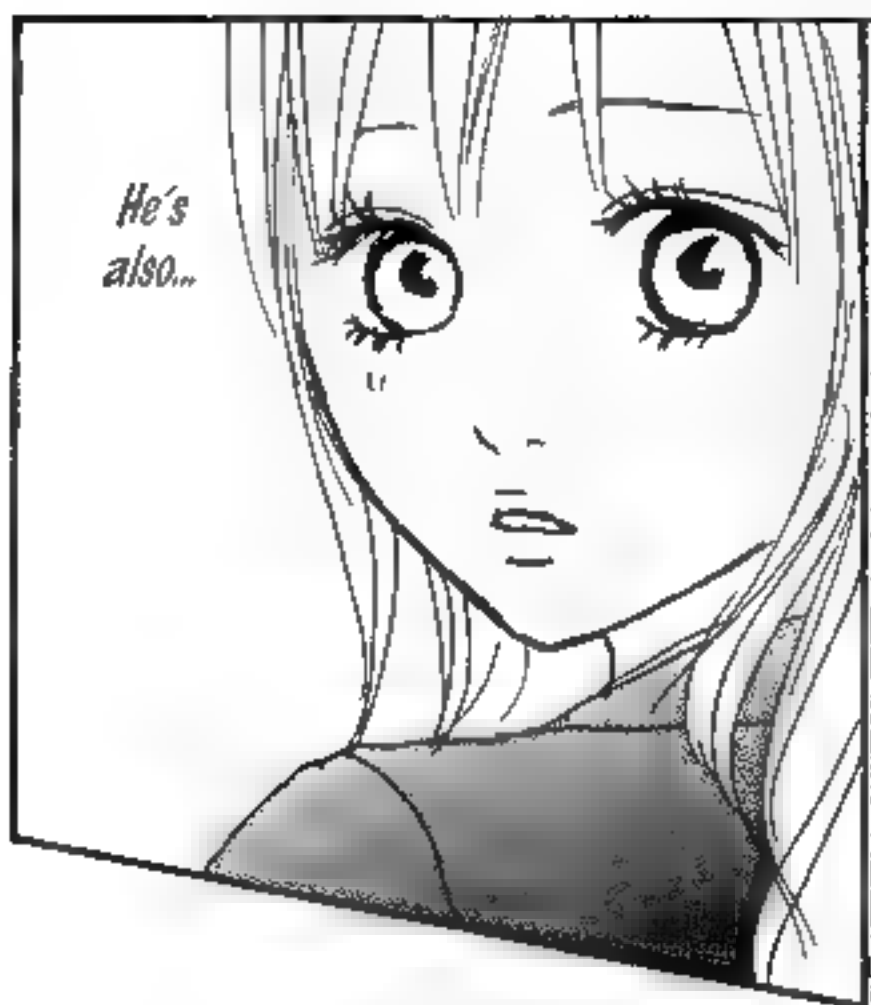
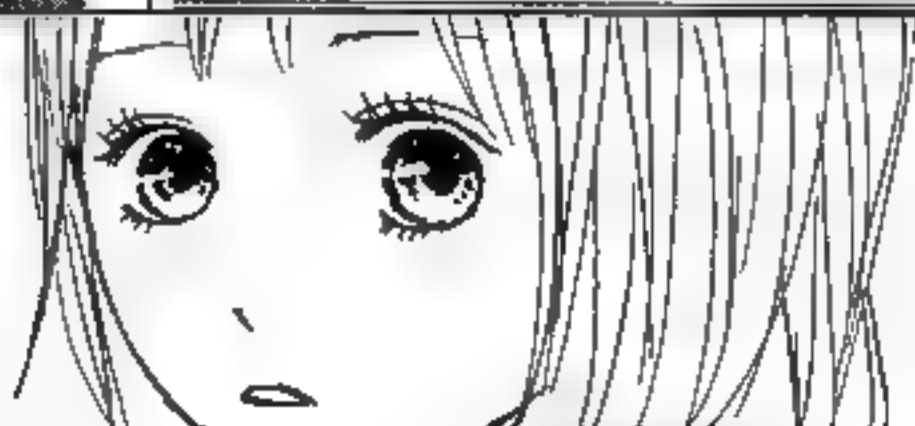
*These three
are so nice.*







Where is he
looking—



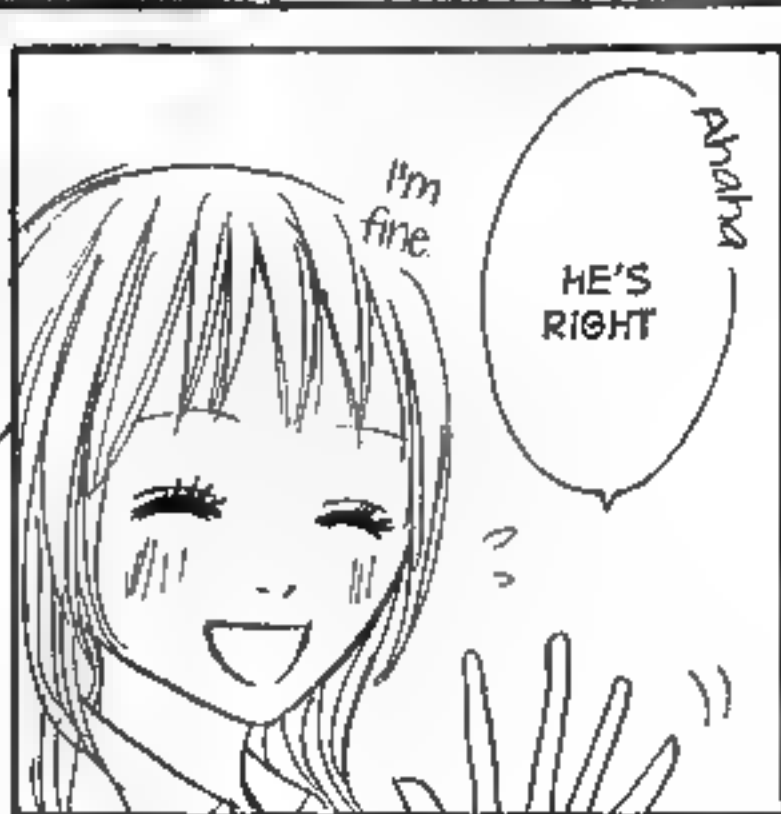
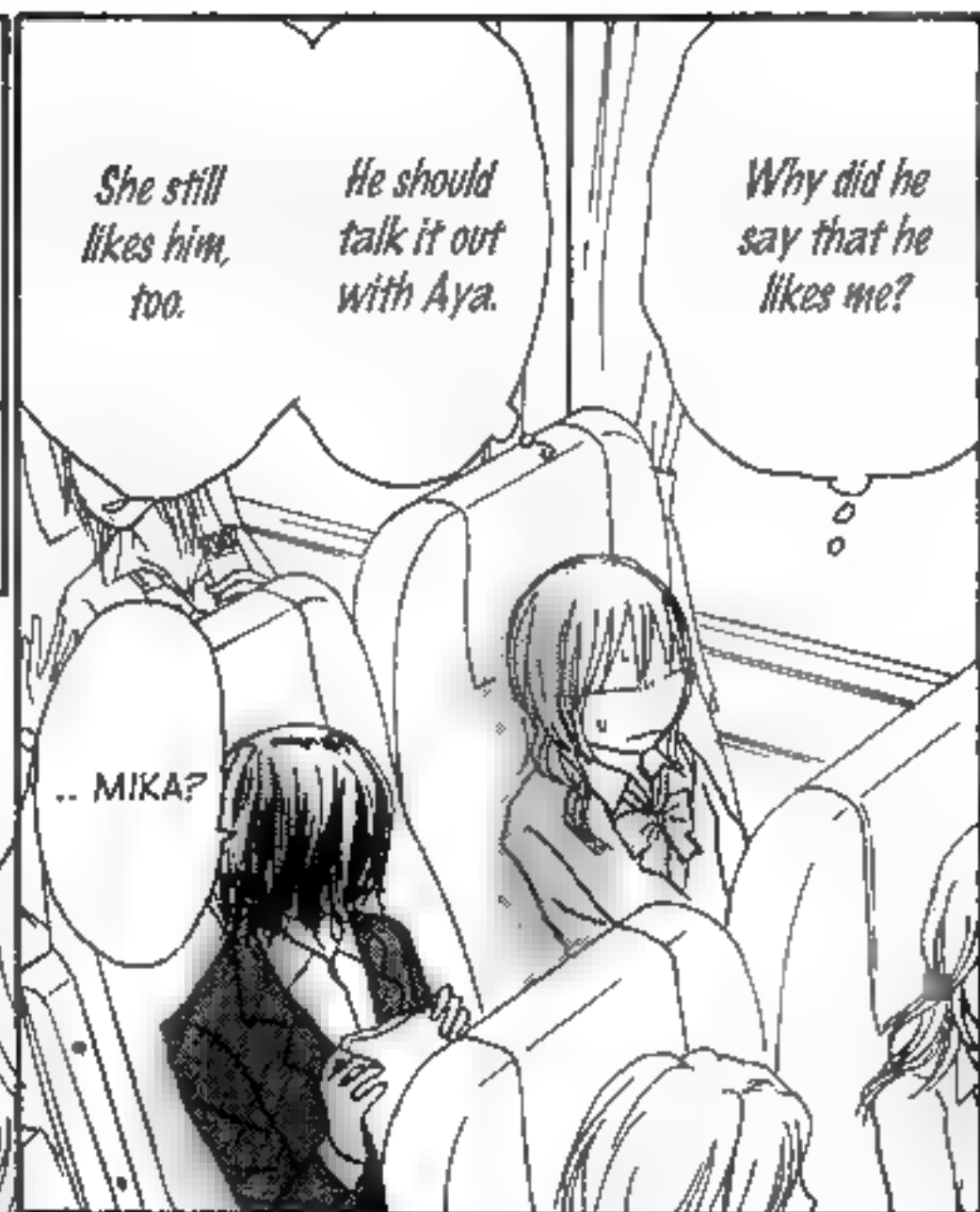
He's
also...

He's
looking—

at
Aya...

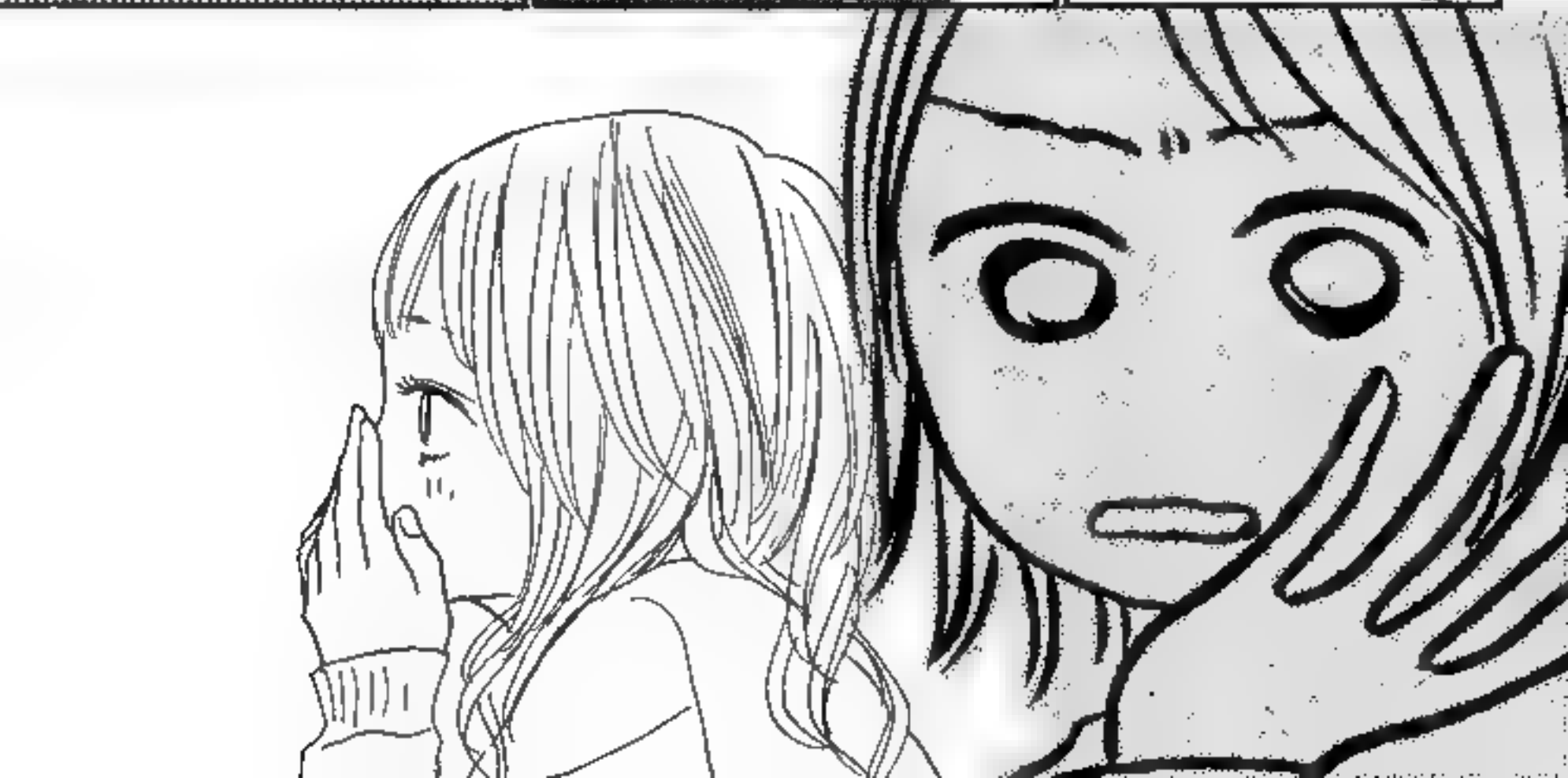


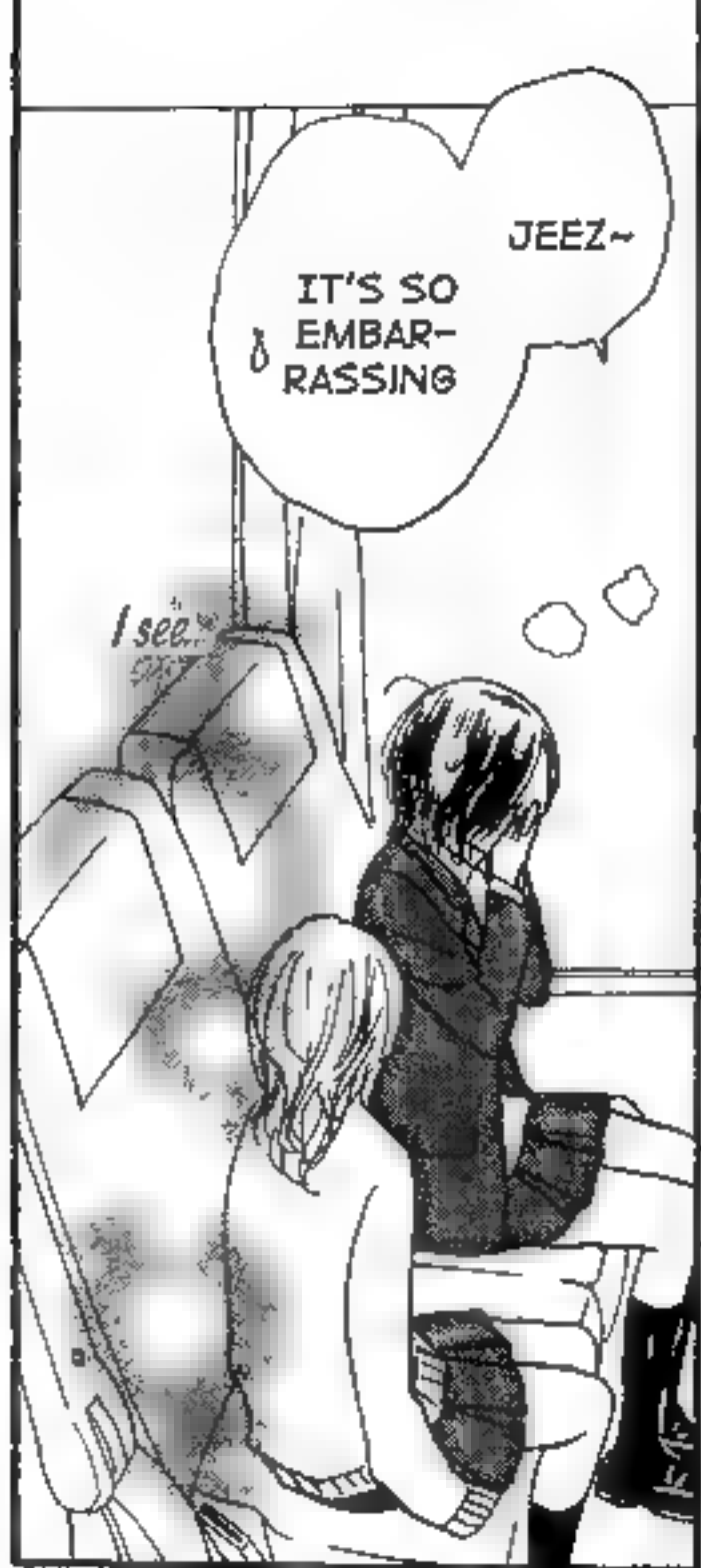
...still thinking
about her...?





Could it
be that...





IT'S SO
EMBAR-
RASSING

JEEZ~

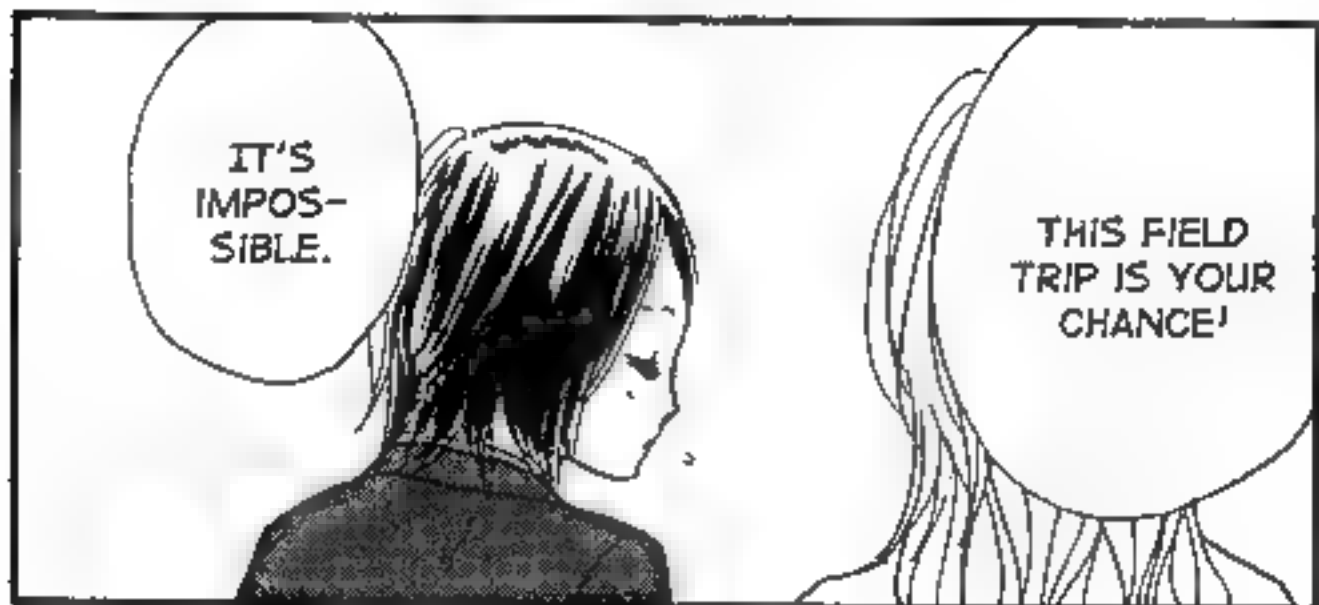
I see...



JUST BY
HEARING HIS
NAME, YOUR
FACE GETS
BRIGHT RED!

I
KNEW
IT!

W-WHAT IS IT
ALL OF A SU-
DDEN, MIKA?



IT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE.

THIS FIELD
TRIP IS YOUR
CHANCE!

*She likes
Shintarou...*



AND HE'S
PRETTY PO-
PULAR AMONG
OTHER GIRLS.

HE DOESN'T
EVEN SEE ME
AS A GIRL,

WON'T YOU
CONFESS TO
HIM?

Hehe
I'M TRYING
QUITE HARD,
ACTUALLY.



Izumi...

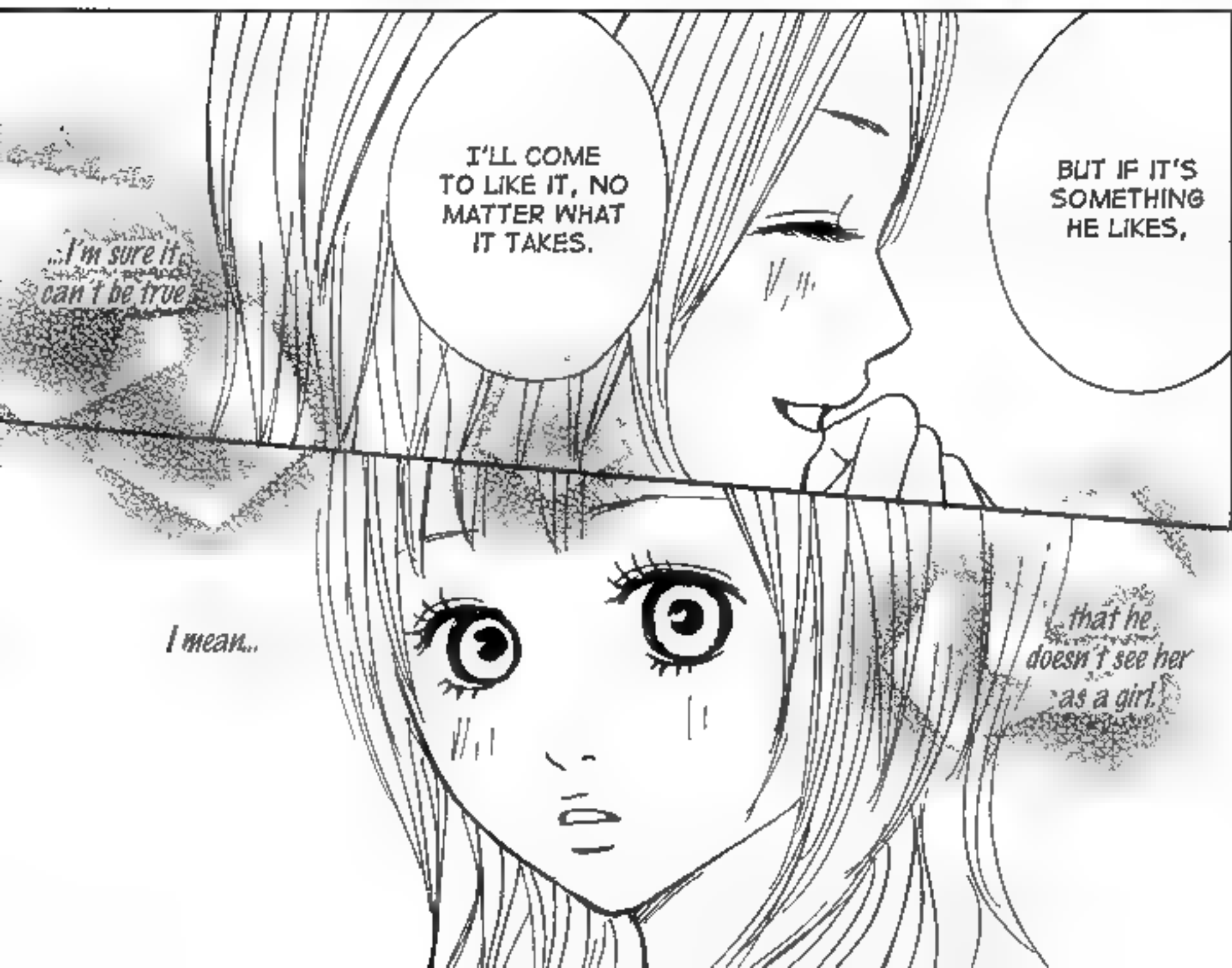
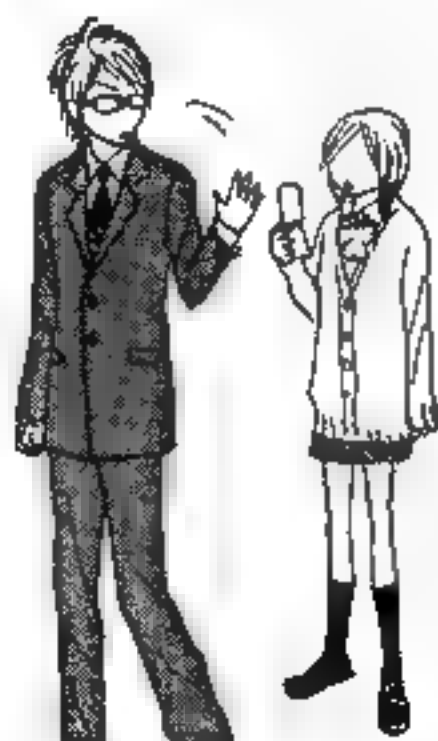
IF HE
TURNS ME
DOWN ..
...OUR
FRIENDSHIP
WILL BE
MESSSED UP,
AND I DON'T
LIKE IT



I DON'T
GET IT
AT ALL.

I LISTEN TO
THE MUSIC
HE LIKES...

TO BE
ABLE TO
STAY BY
HIS SIDE,



I'LL COME
TO LIKE IT, NO
MATTER WHAT
IT TAKES.

BUT IF IT'S
SOMETHING
HE LIKES,

...I'm sure it
can't be true

I mean...

that he
doesn't see her
as a girl.



THAT'S
SO HARSH,
AYA.

EH?

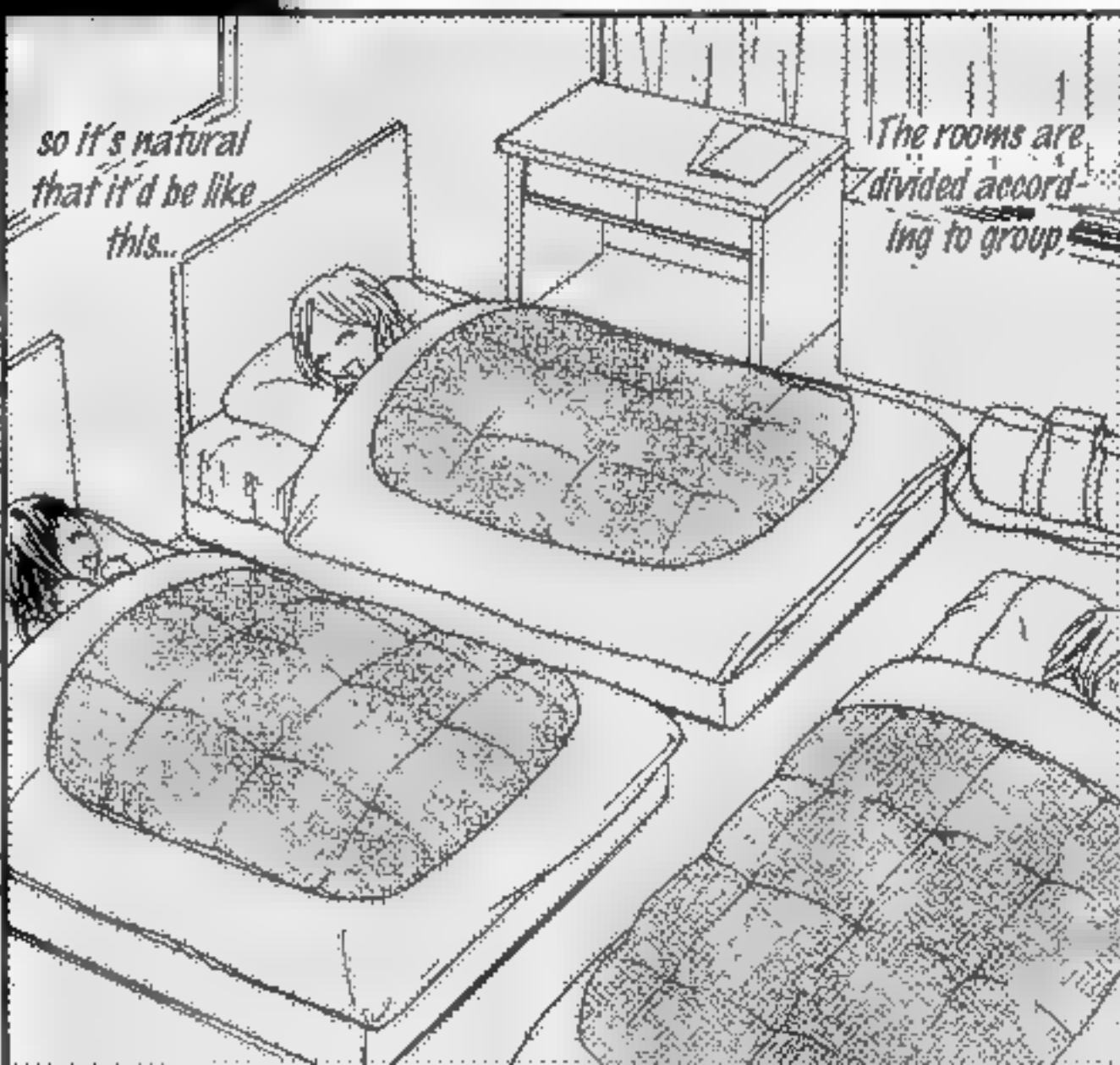


BUT
MIYABI,



This is quite
awkward...

AND
THEN,
AYA,



so it's natural
that it'd be like
this...

The rooms are
divided accord-
ing to group.

she's so
cute...

When
she's in
love,



AH,
YEAH...

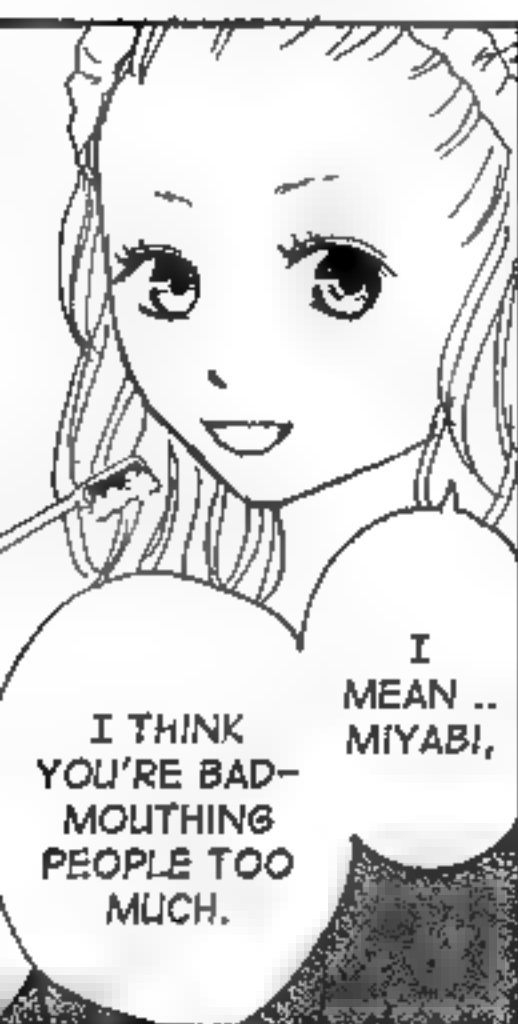
HEY, ARE
YOU LIS-
TENING?

...not to think
of anything...

I'll try...

EH?

ACTUALLY,
I'M KIND OF
SLEEPY



TO BE HONEST,
I THINK MEGU
FROM CLASS
C IS REALLY
ANNOYING.



*Not to think
of anything...*



Morning

AND THEN,
LISTEN UP,
AYA.

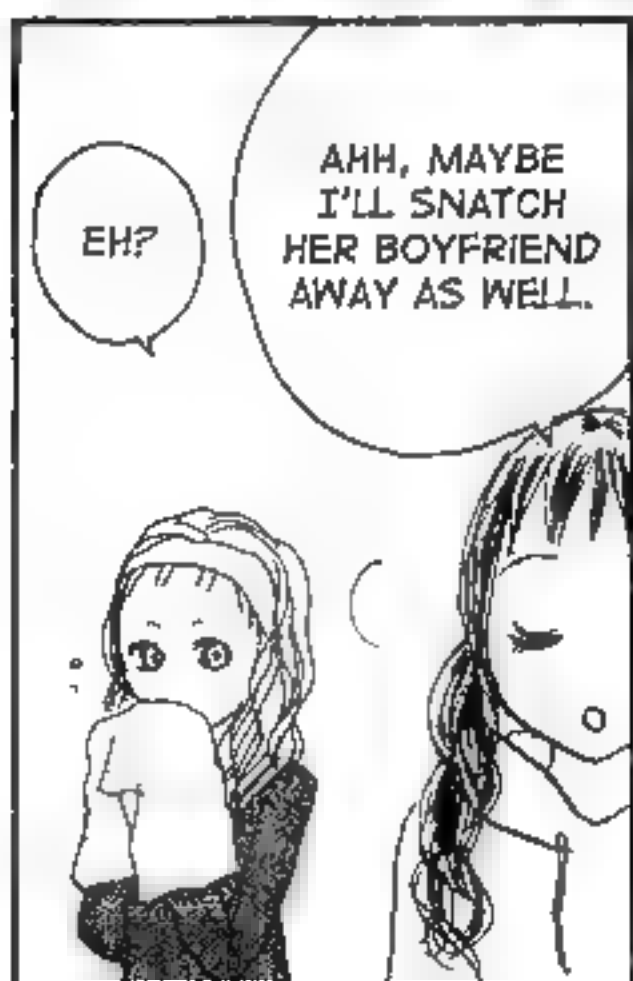


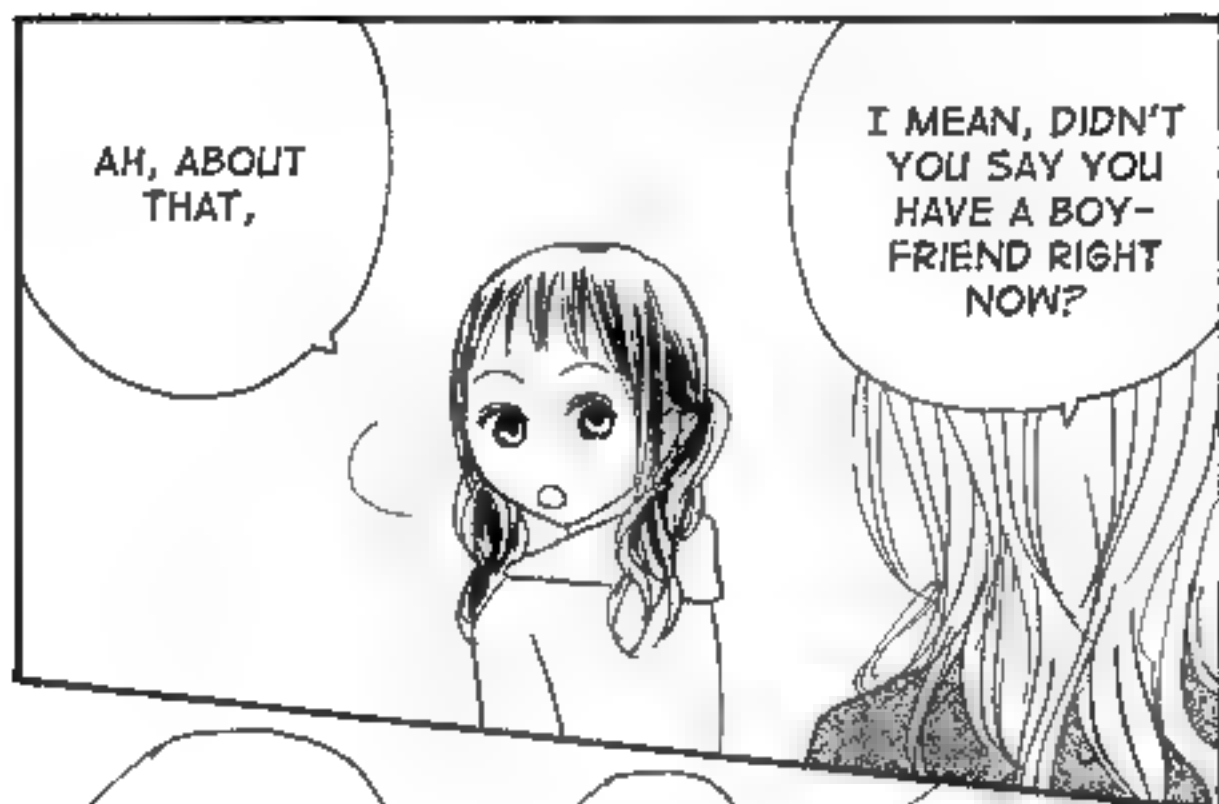
EH?

AHH, MAYBE
I'LL SNATCH
HER BOYFRIEND
AWAY AS WELL.

YOU'VE
BEEN TAL-
KING ABOUT
NOTHING
BUT THAT
SINCE LAST
NIGHT

EH? IT
DOESN'T
HURT,
RIGHT?





AH, ABOUT THAT,

I MEAN, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND RIGHT NOW?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "AS WELL?"



SO FIND ANOTHER GIRL TO GO WITH YOU, OK?

EH?

MY BOYFRIEND SAID HE WANTS TO HANG AROUND WITH ME DURING OUR FREE TIME DURING THE TRIP.

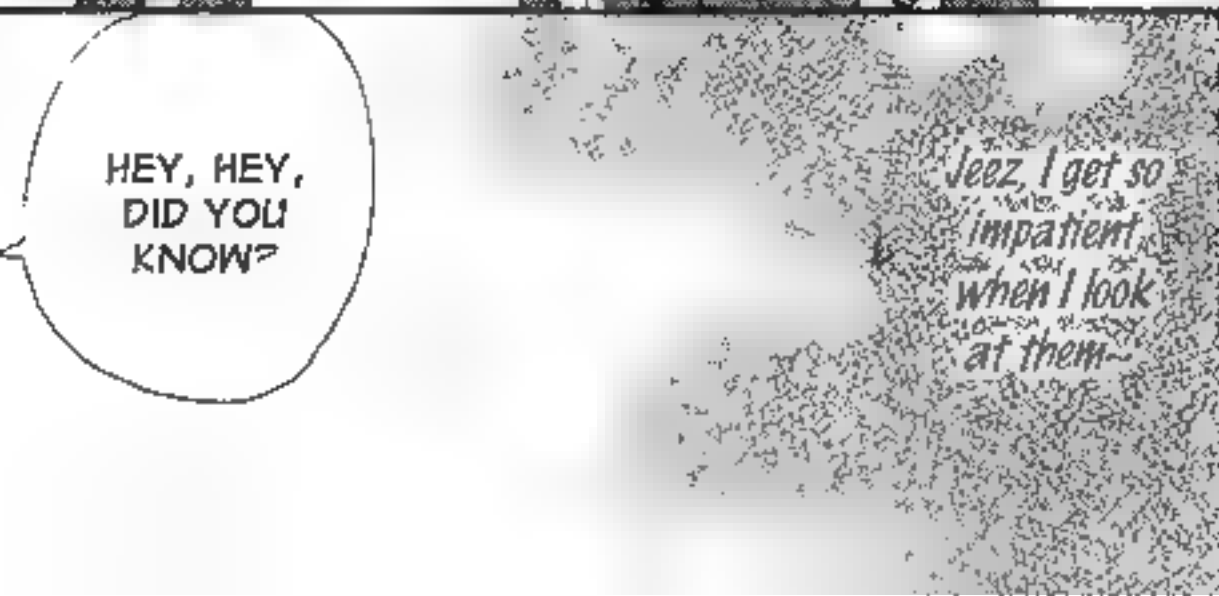


kyah! vroom



EH? OTHER ATTRACTIONS ARE LIKE THIS, TOO.

WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING ELSE?



HEY, HEY, DID YOU KNOW?

Jeez, I get so impatient when I look at them...



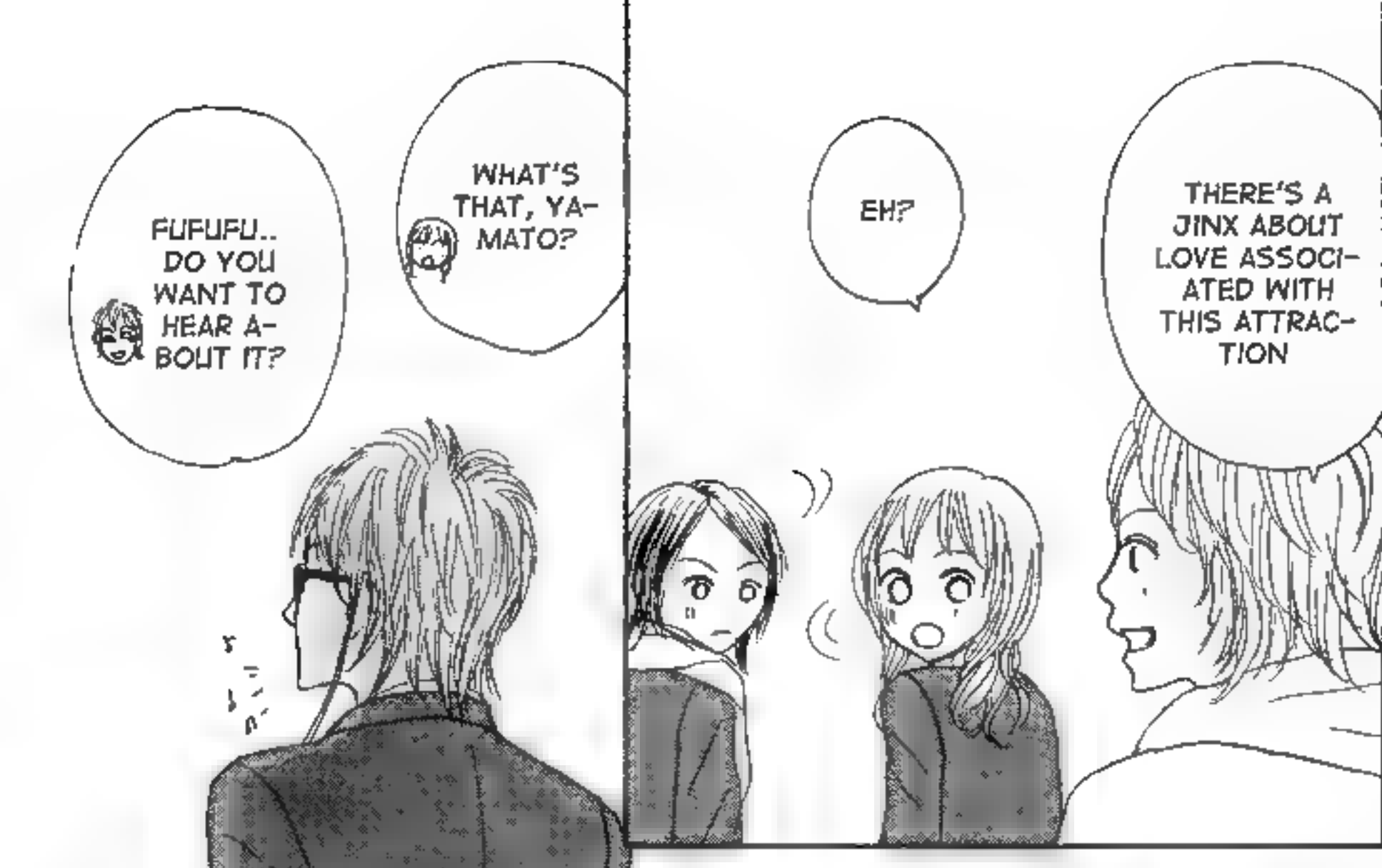
WOW, THE LINE IS SO LONG

FUFUFU..
DO YOU
WANT TO
HEAR A-
BOUT IT?

WHAT'S
THAT, YA-
MATO?

EH?

THERE'S A
JINX ABOUT
LOVE ASSOCI-
ATED WITH
THIS ATTRAC-
TION



YOU HAVE TO
HOLD HANDS
WITH THAT
PERSON.

AND THEN,
BEFORE YOU
GET ON THE
ATTRACTION,

FIRST, YOU'LL
STAND IN LINE
WITH THE PER-
SON YOU LIKE,
RIGHT?



THAT'S
JUST SOME-
THING SAID BY
SOMEONE WHO
HAPPENED TO
DO THAT, AND
IT WENT WELL,
RIGHT?

YOU
KNOW,



THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
BELIEVE IT.



THAT'S
SO NOT
TRUE.

AND THEN, IF
YOU CONFESS
TO HIM OR HER,
IT'LL DEFINITE-
LY GO WELL...

HEH~

WE'RE
GOING TO THE
RESTROOM!

IZUMI!
SHINTAROU!

All right...
Now that it's
come to this...

EH!

GRAB

Izumi is so
stubborn~

Urgh... And this
is such a good
chance, too.

I GUESS WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO LINE UP.

W-WAIT,
MIKA!

TCH, IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED,
THEN.

DA-CH

YOU TWO,
STAND IN
LINE!

EH?

Izumi...

I'M SORRY,
YAMATO.

WHAT IS IT
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

I WANTED
TO LEAVE THAT
SPOT WITH YOU,
NO MATTER
WHAT...

EHP?

*Please... do
your best!*

H-HEY,
MIKA!

INDEED . I MIGHT
HAVE GIVEN YOU
FALSE SIGNALS ..


M-MIKA.

THE REASON
WHY YOU
TOOK MY
HAND WAS...


I
SEE...

*So that's
what it
means..*

huff




I WANTED TO LET
IZUMI AND SHIN-
TAROU BE ALONE
TOGETHER!




BUT I ONLY
SEE YOU AS A
FRIEND, MIKA...



...



I THINK
THEY'LL DEFINI-
TELY CLICK!

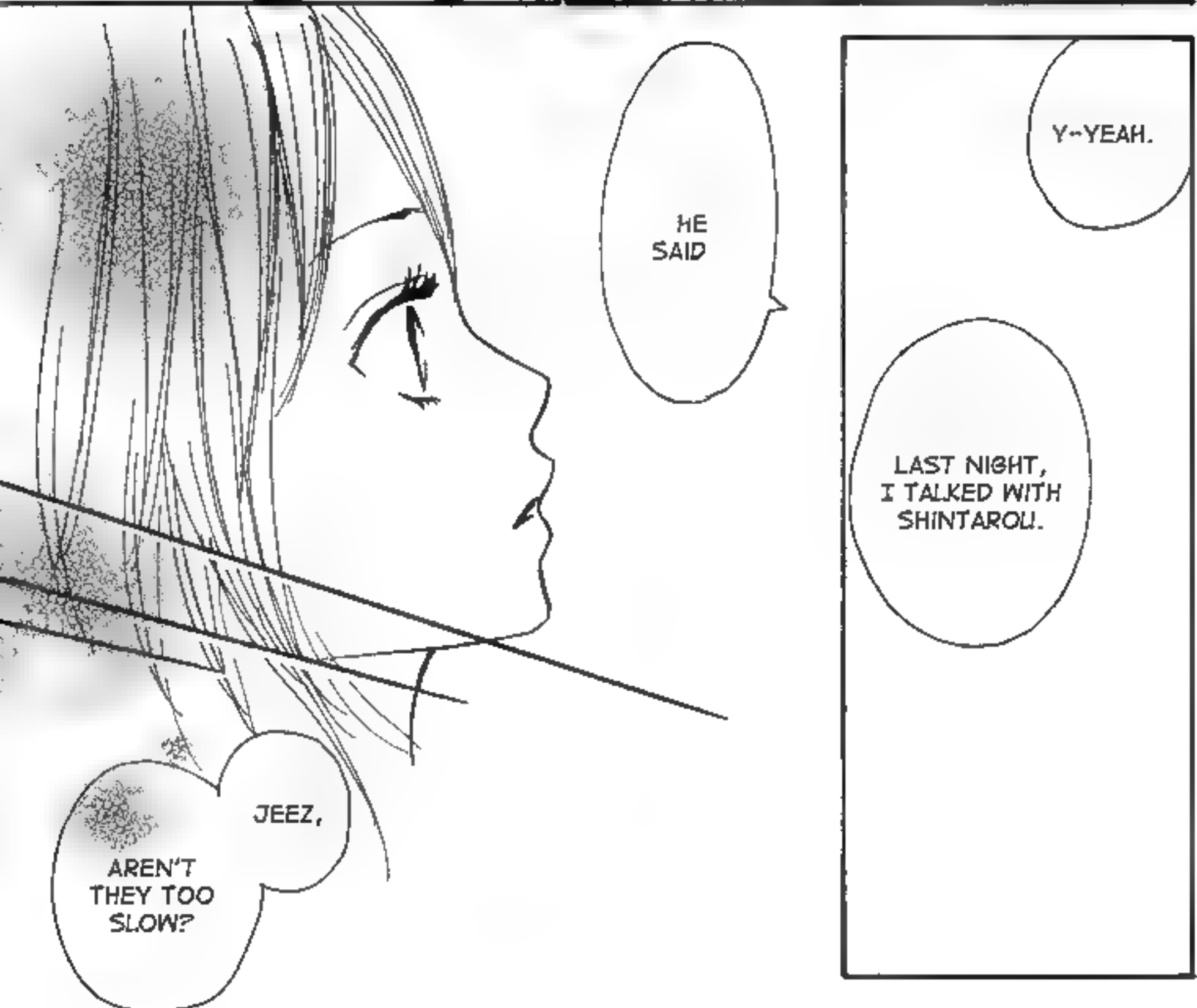
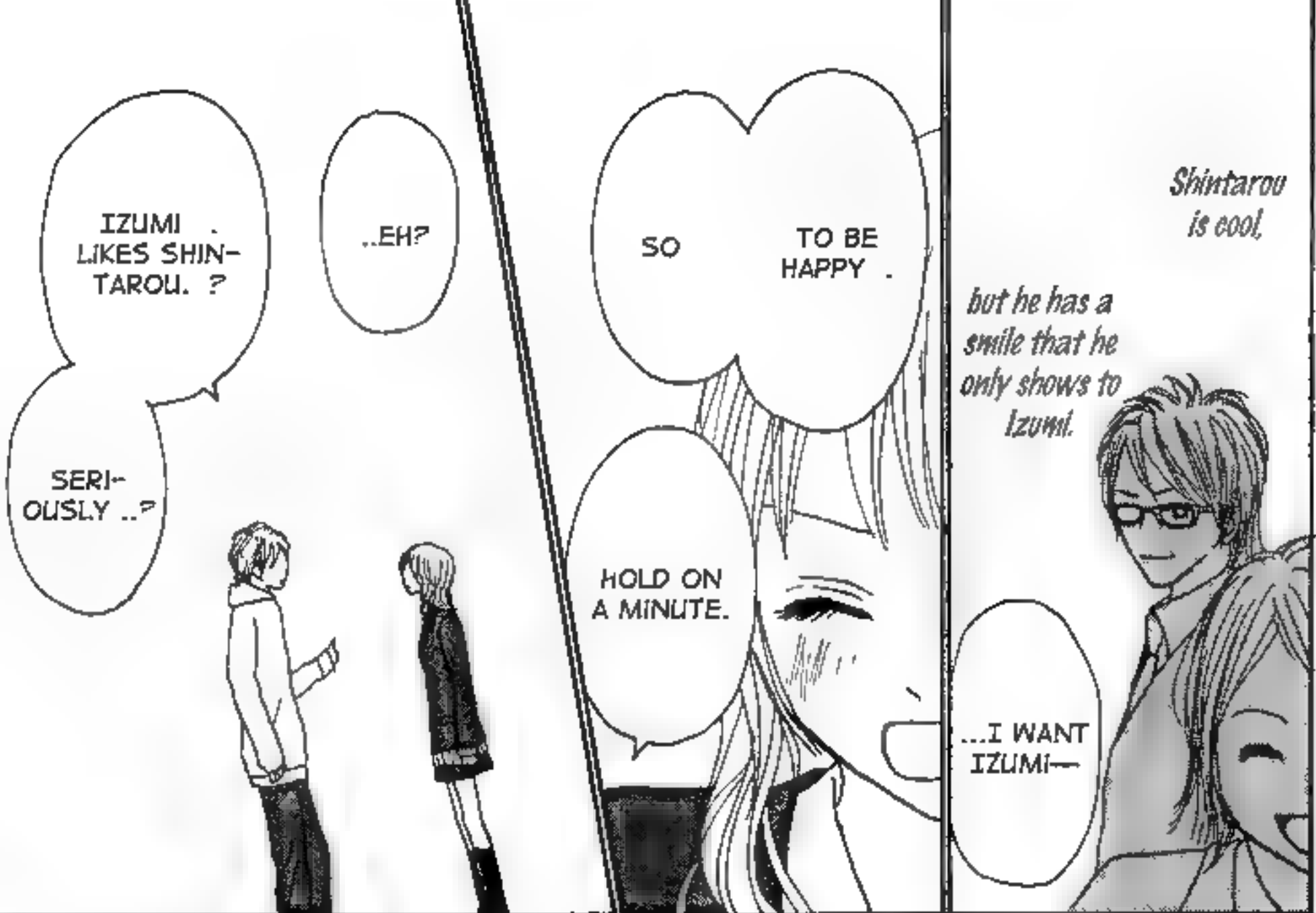


EH? IZUMI
AND SHIN-
TAROU?

What
the
o

IZUMI—

LIKES
SHINTAROU



PLEASE
MOVE UP
TO THE
WHITE
LINE—

NEXT
PASSEN
GERS,

S-SHIN-
TAROU..



H--

HUH?



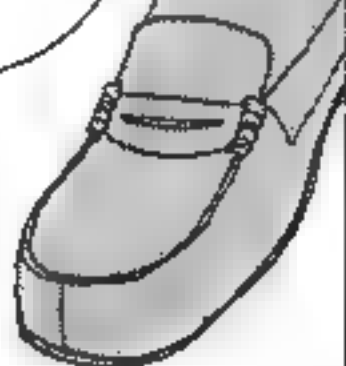
WE'VE GOT-
TEN TO THE
OTHER SIDE
OF THE LINE,
YOU KNOW?

Y--YOU'RE
RIGHT



WE'LL
JUST HAVE
TO TEXT
THEM
LATER...

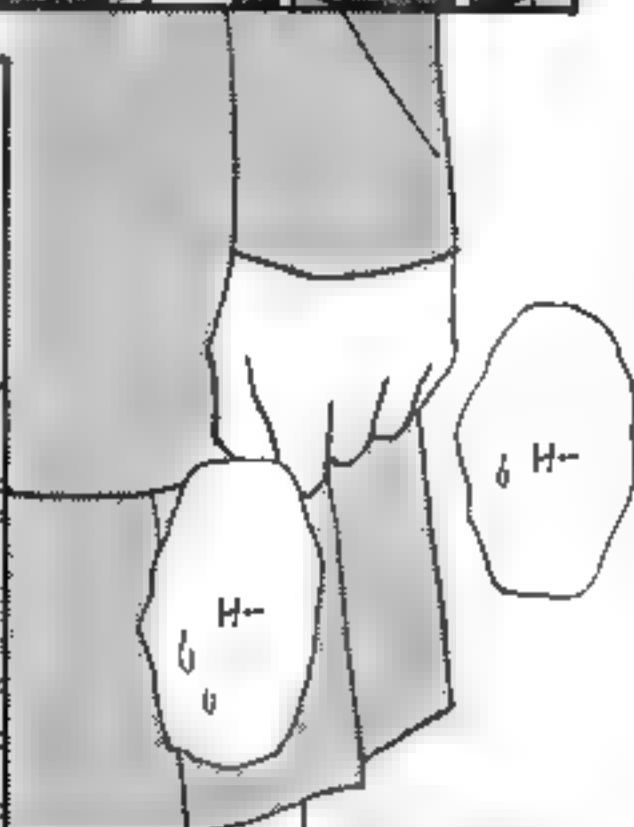
I THINK
IT'S ALL
RIGHT



I GUESS
IT CAN'T
BE HELPED.

IT'S
ALREADY
HERE.

clack



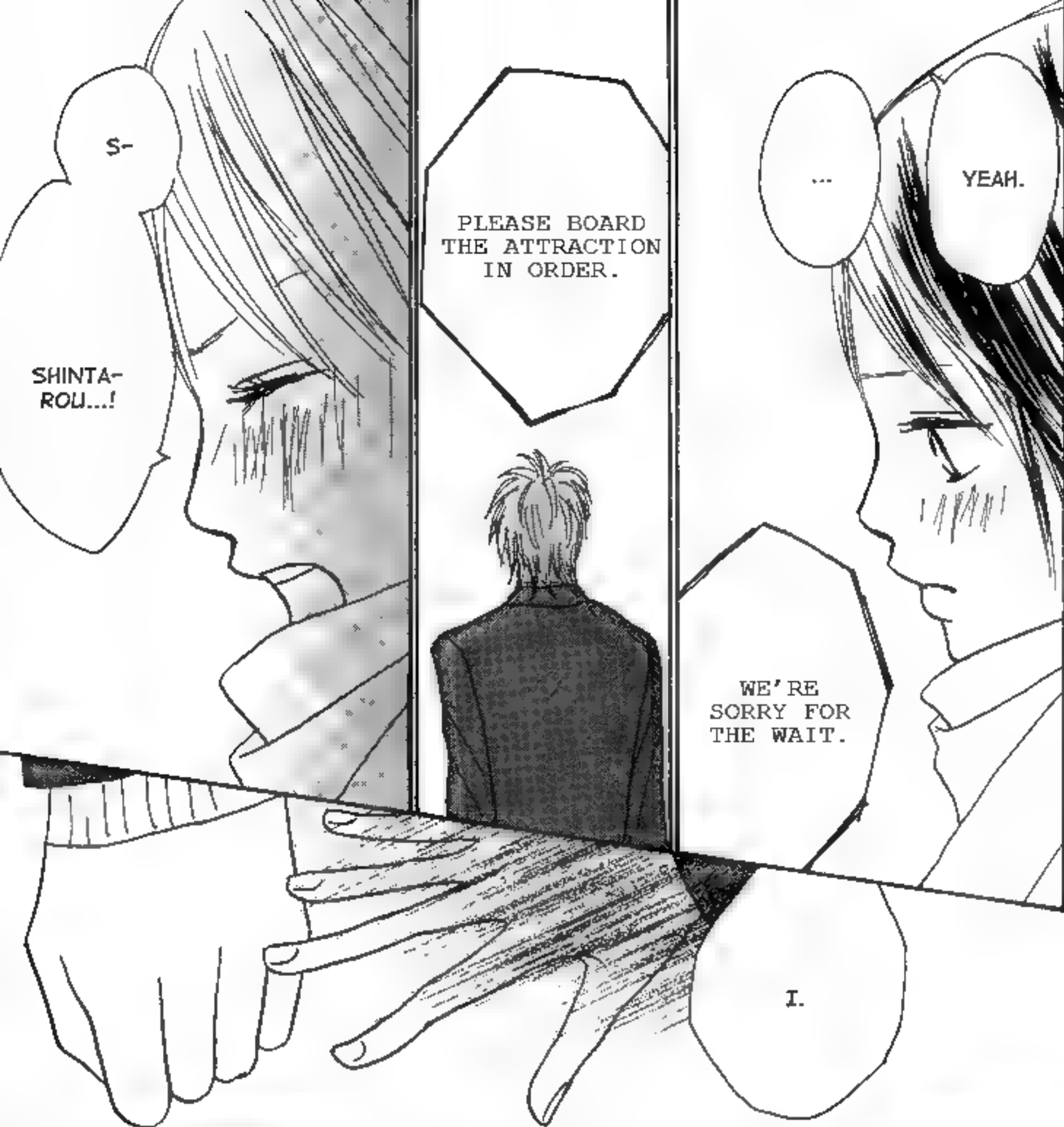
H--

H--



H--

HEY,





HE ALSO
SAID—



THAT HE'LL
CONFESS
TO IZUMI!



IT'LL BE
CHRISTMAS
NEXT MONTH
AFTER ALL.

*if a miracle like
this will happen
to me as well...*

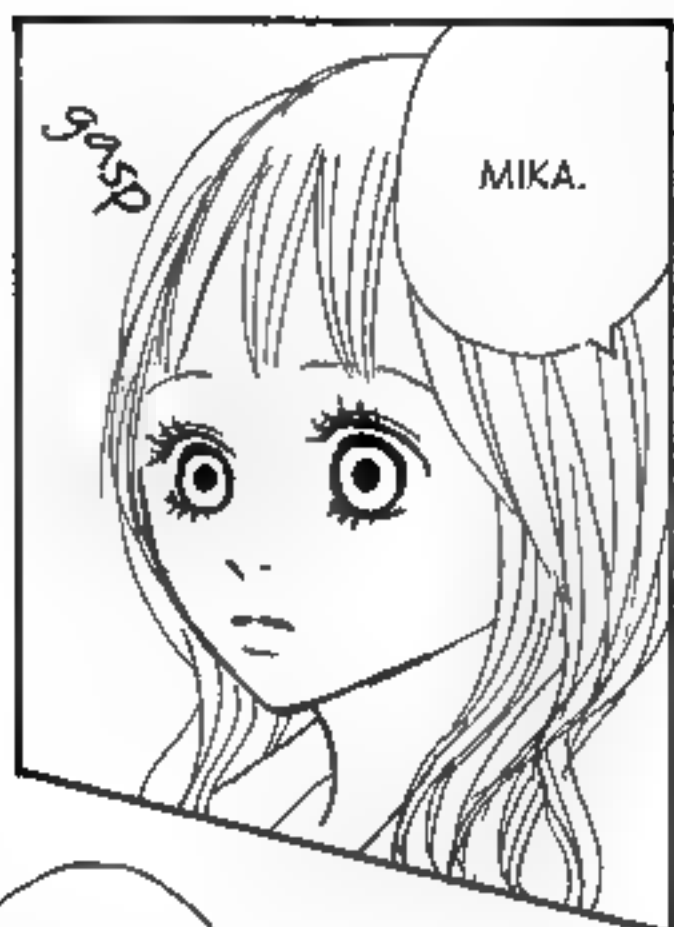
I wonder

WOW,

IT'S A
CHRISTMAS
TREE

*Last
Christmas...*

Christmas...



MIKA.

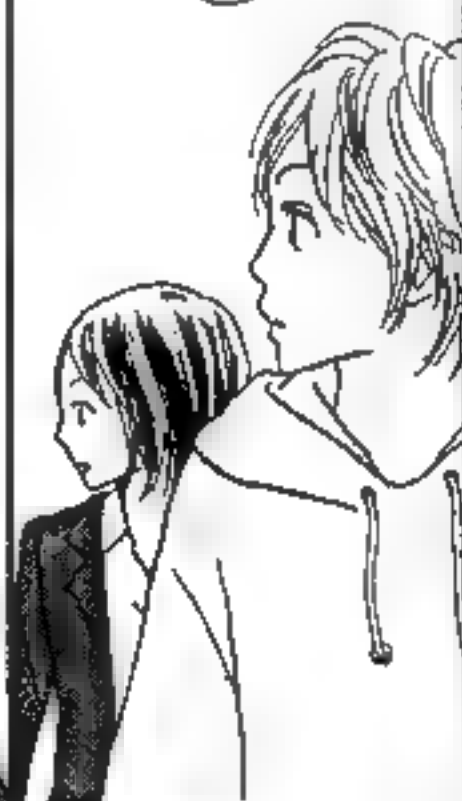
gasp

If miracles
do happen...



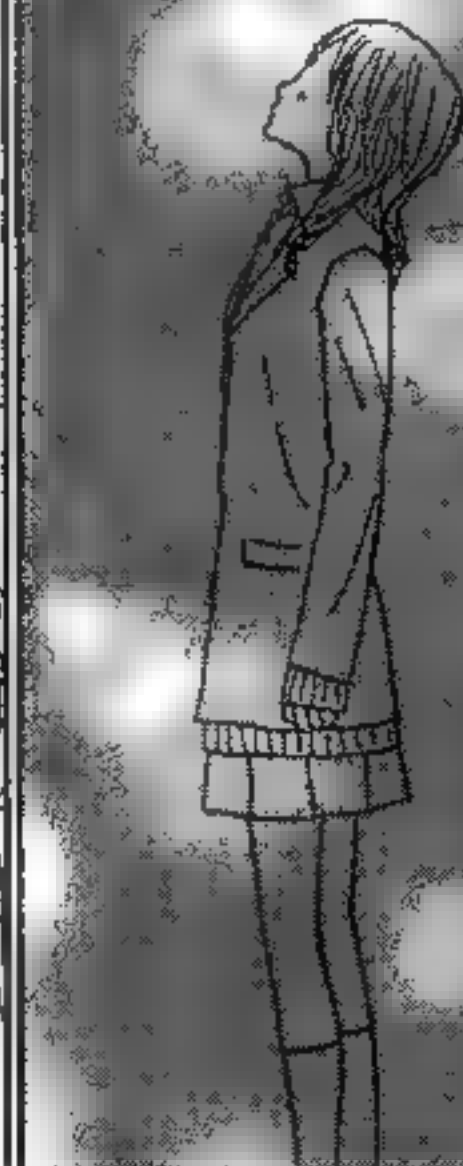
OK, STOP
LOOKING AT
THE TREE

EH?



I looked
forward to
the birth of
our baby...

...together
with Hiro



WHAT-
EVER,

JUST..

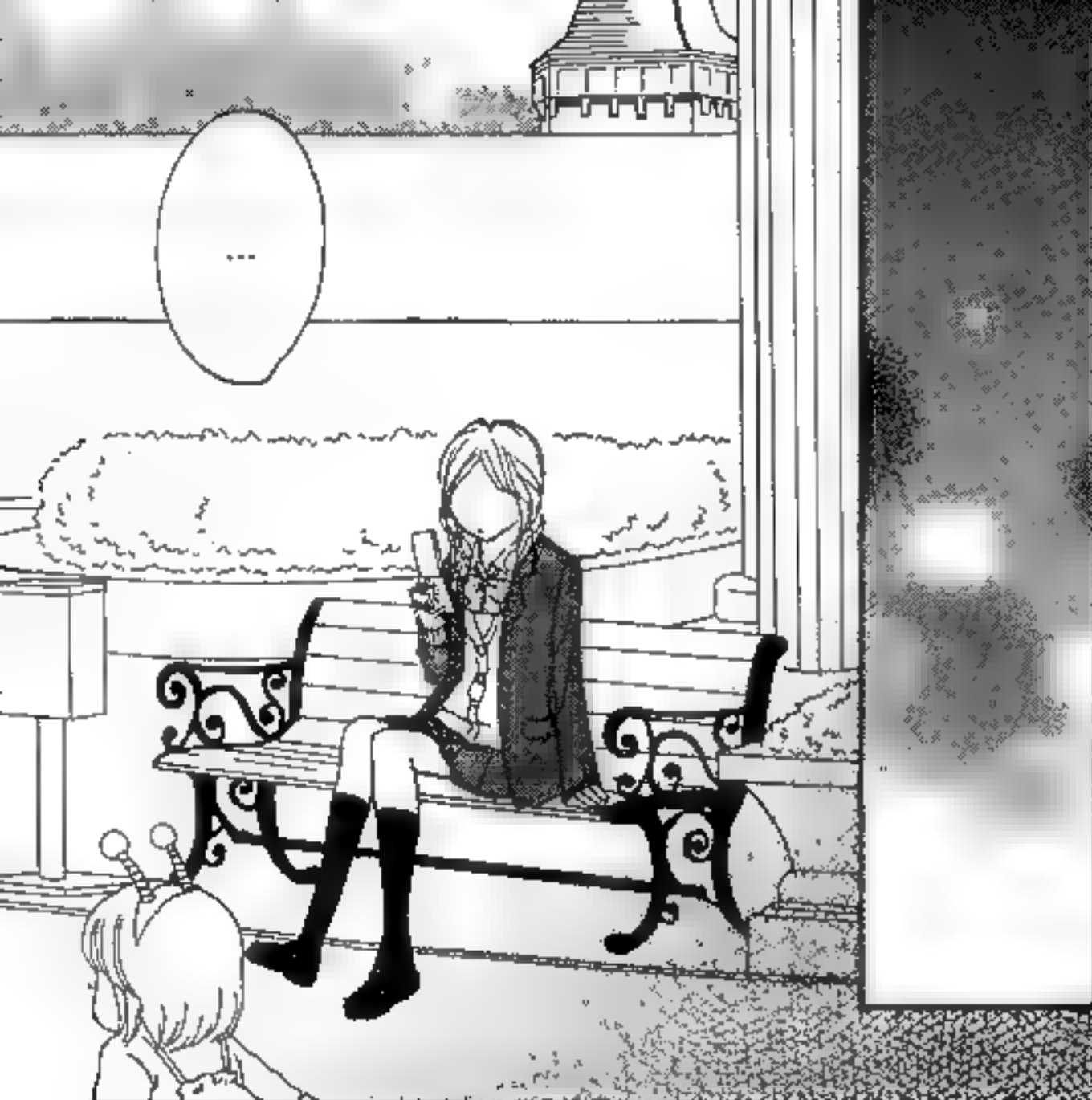
HOLD
ON, WHAT
IS IT?



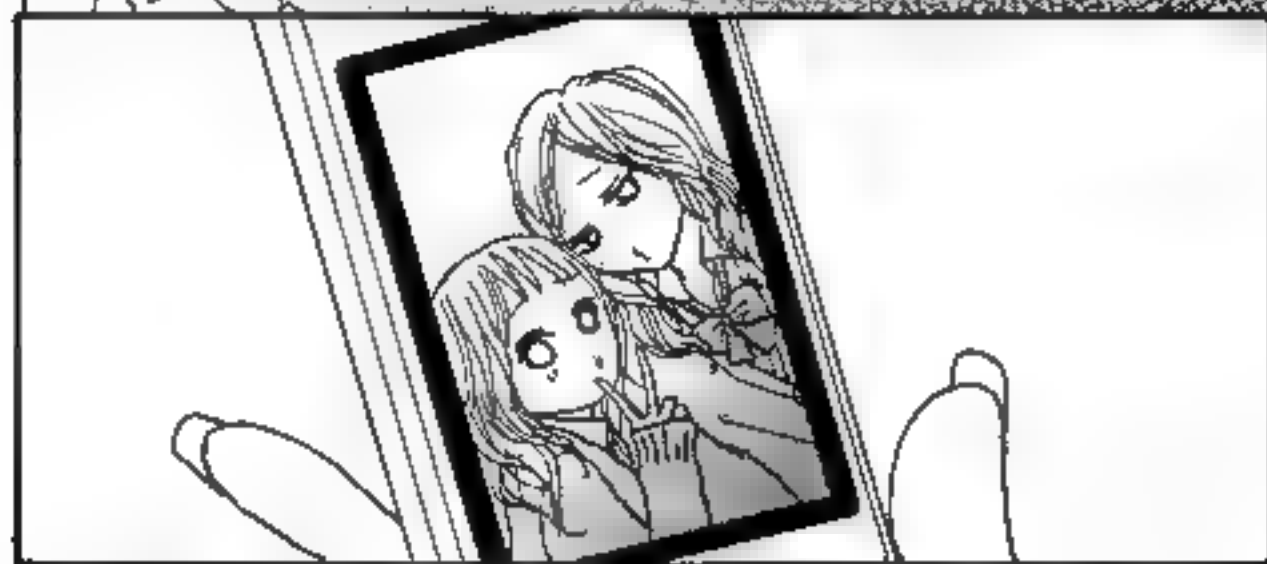
EH?
WHY. ?

ALL RIGHT,
JUST COME
OVER HERE





...that
miracles



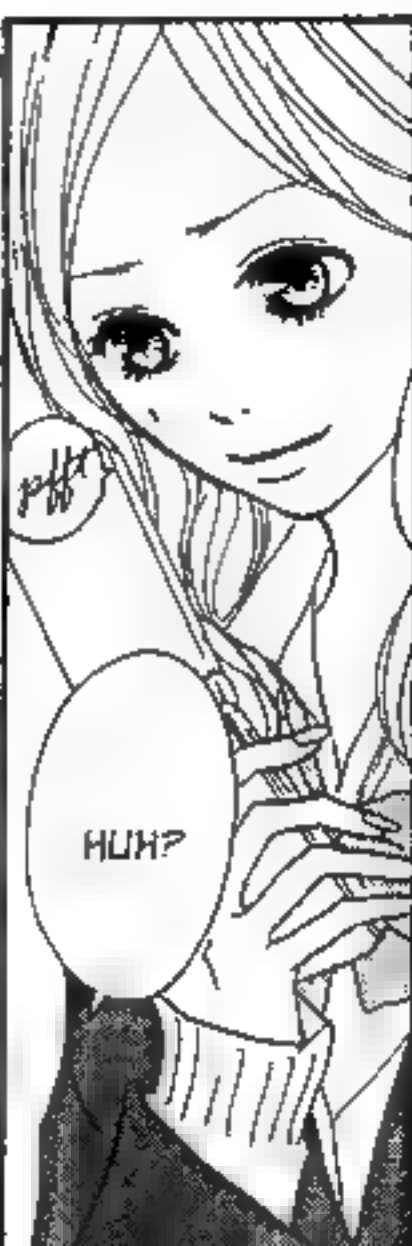
don't occur
that easily.



DID YOU
BREAK UP
WITH YOUR
FRIENDS
IN CLASS
B?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING ON
YOUR OWN,
TAKADA?

that's
lame.



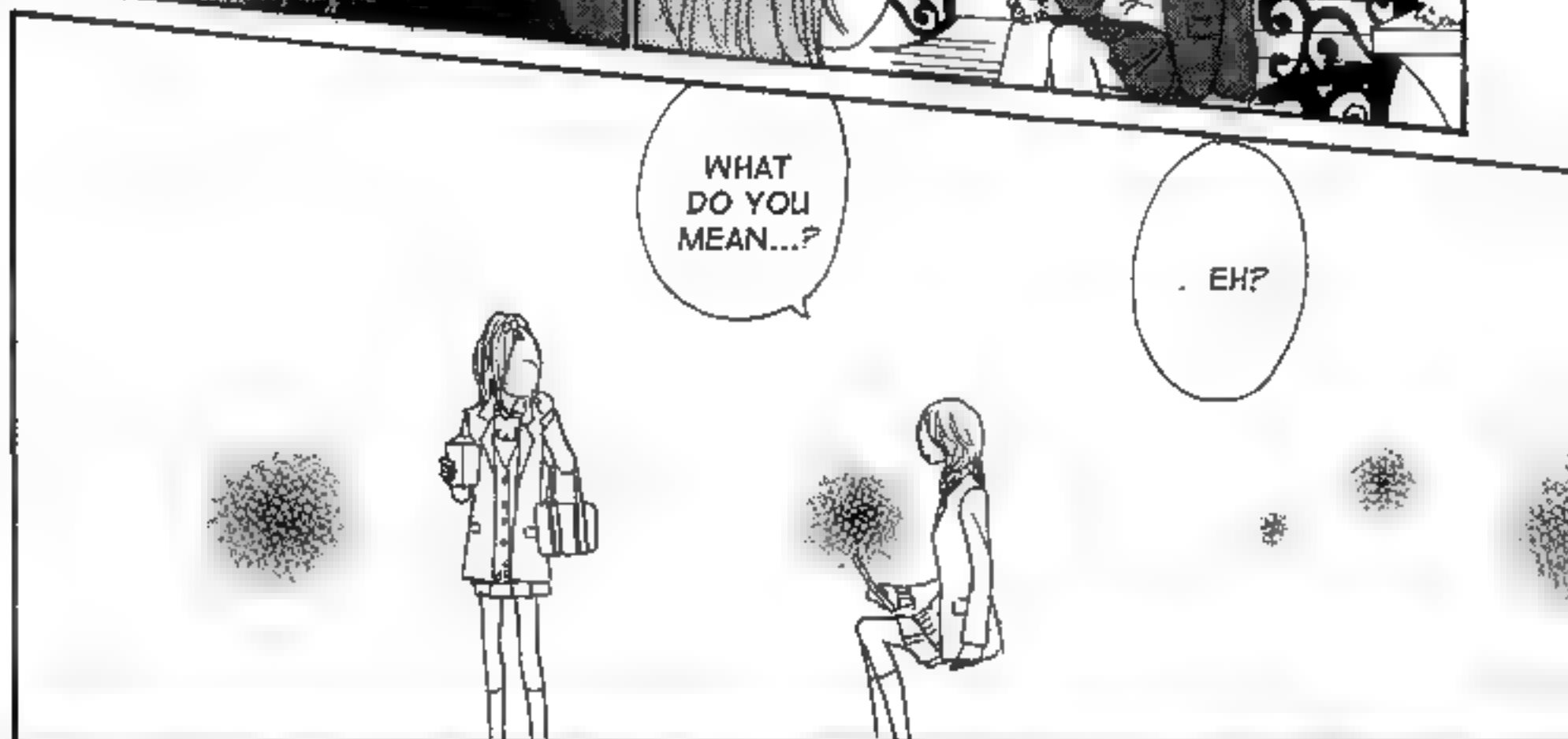
HUH?



HIRO-KUN'S
CURRENT GIRL-
FRIEND IS LIKE
THAT..

WELL, IT'S
UNDERSTAND-
ABLE, THOUGH.

...SHUT UP,
FAT-FACE.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?

. EH?



MIKA .

ARE
YOU OK?

DON'T YOU
KNOW?

COME
ON,

It
back-fired
JEEZ, THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU COVERED
HER EYES,
YAMATO.

*I guess it's
shocking when
I actually see it
after all...*

YEAH .

*That's the first
time I've seen
them together...*



IT'S ALL
RIGHT

I-I'M
SORRY..



WE JUST THINK
THAT IT'D BE
GREAT IF YOU'D
CHEER UP, MIKA.

*That's why
they stay
by my side...*

*...about
my feelings.*

WELL,

*They all
know*

REALLY,
THANKS,
EVERYONE.





SHIN-
TAROU..



OK?

THAT'S WHY
WE STARTED
TALKING TO
YOU.



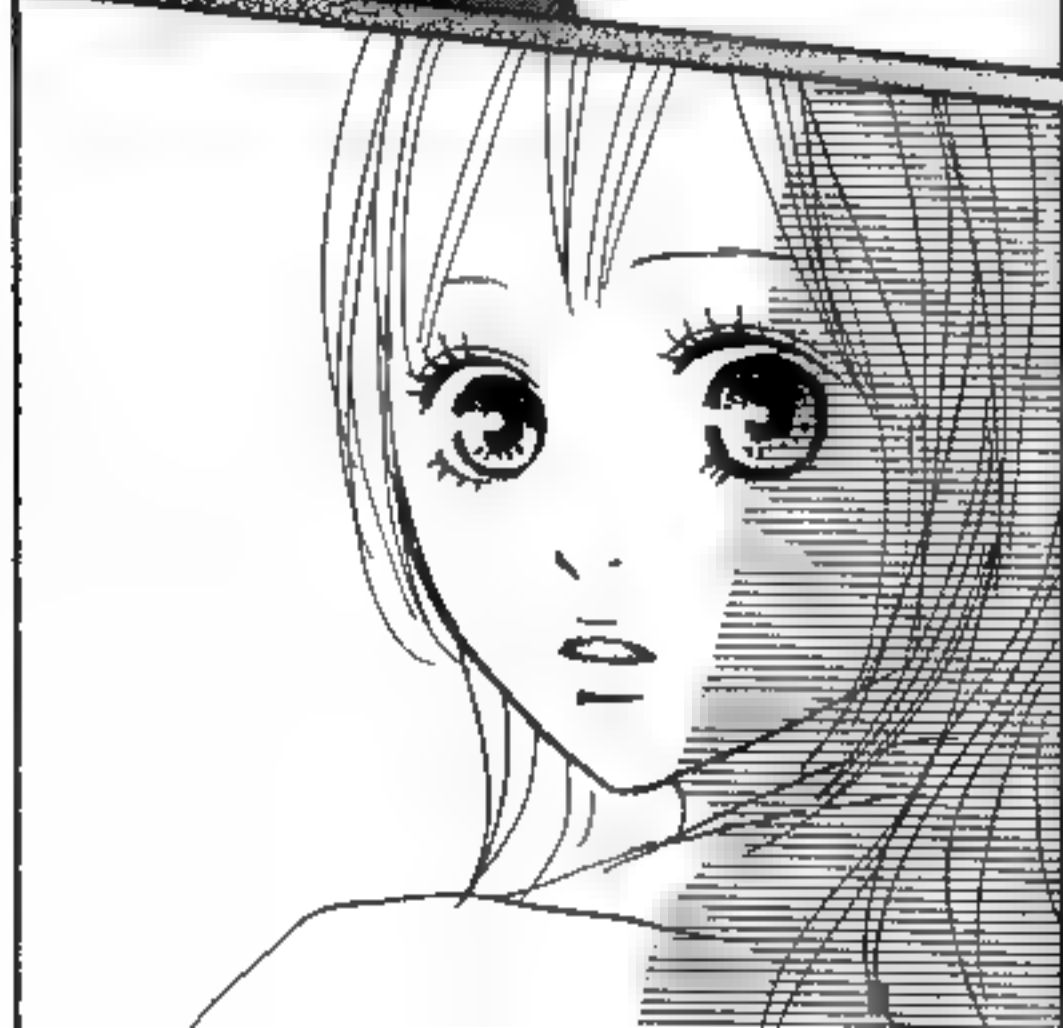
Everyone...

AHAHA.

YOU'VE GOTTEN
YOURSELF SUCH
A NICE GUY,
IZUMI~



M-MIKA!

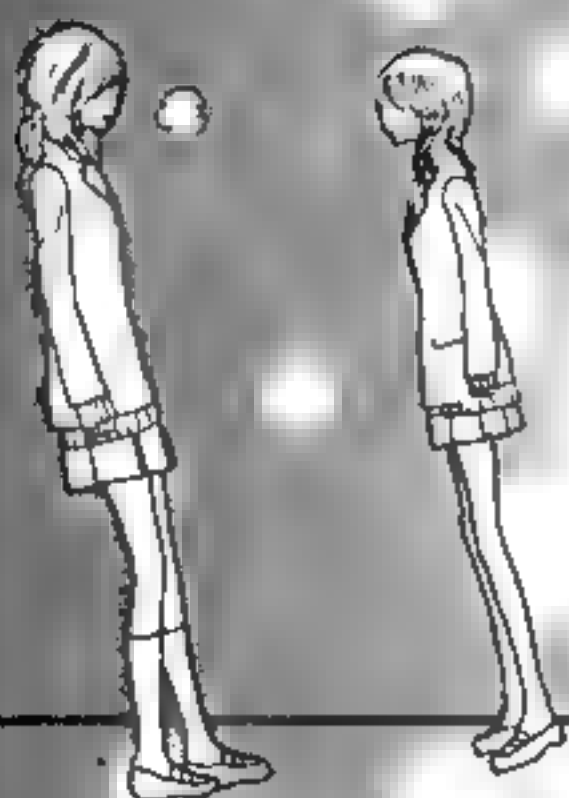


*I love
you all...*

TAP

Aya...

Eh...?



FIELD TRIP PHOTOS

KYAH~
HAHAHA!

LOOK AT
YOUR FACE
HERE, MIKA!

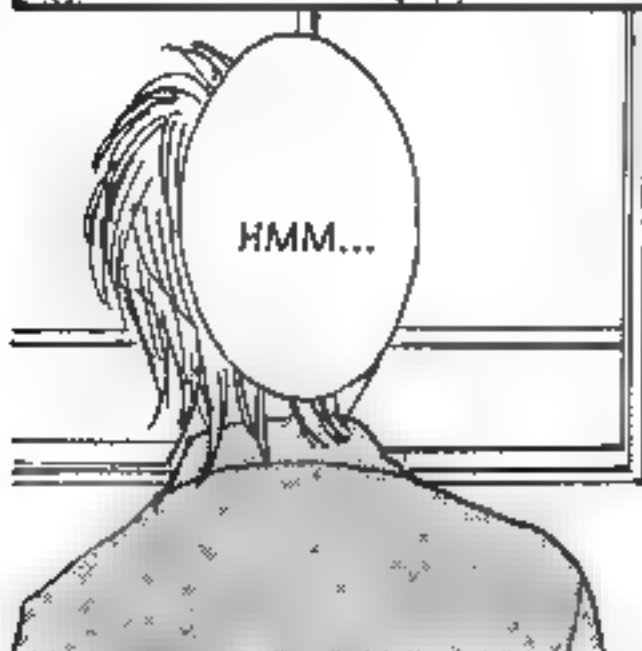


HEY, CUT IT
OUT, AYA.



I'LL BUY
THIS ONE!

THAT'S
SO
FUNNY!

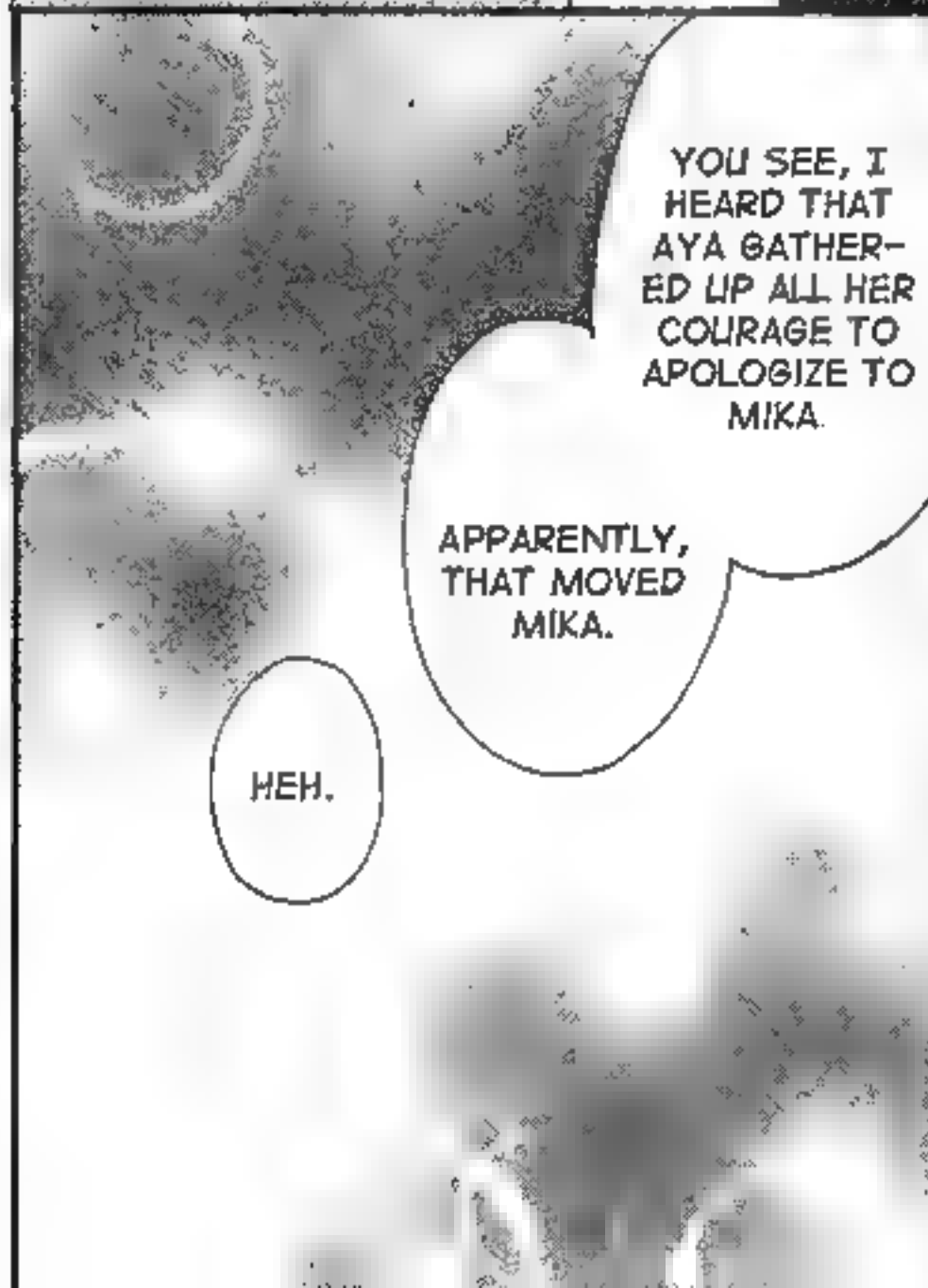


HMM...



THERE'S
NO PHOTO
LIKE THAT.

I'LL FIND
A PHOTO
WHERE YOU
LOOK FUNNY,
TOO, AYA.



YOU SEE, I
HEARD THAT
AYA GATHER-
ED UP ALL HER
COURAGE TO
APOLOGIZE TO
MIKA.

APPARENTLY,
THAT MOVED
MIKA.

HEH.



YEAH.

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
GIRLS.

IN THE
END, THEY
MADE UP
WITH EACH
OTHER,
HUH?

and
apologized.

Ava ran
to me.

That
day

I MEAN, MIYABI
KNOWS ABOUT HOW
YOU FEEL, RIGHT?

I THINK
THAT'S UN-
ACCEPTABLE,
SINCE SHE'S
YOUR FRIEND.

AND
YET, I

BECAUSE
OF NO-
ZOMU ..

AND
SOME
THINGS
SO HOR-
RIBLE TO
YOU

...ABOUT
MIYABI AND
HIRO-KUN ..

I DIDN'T
KNOW...

came
untied...

...gently

AH,

EH!
WHICH
ONE?

I FOUND
A PHOTO
WHERE
YOU LOOK
FUNNY!

DAMN
THAT FAT-
FACE!

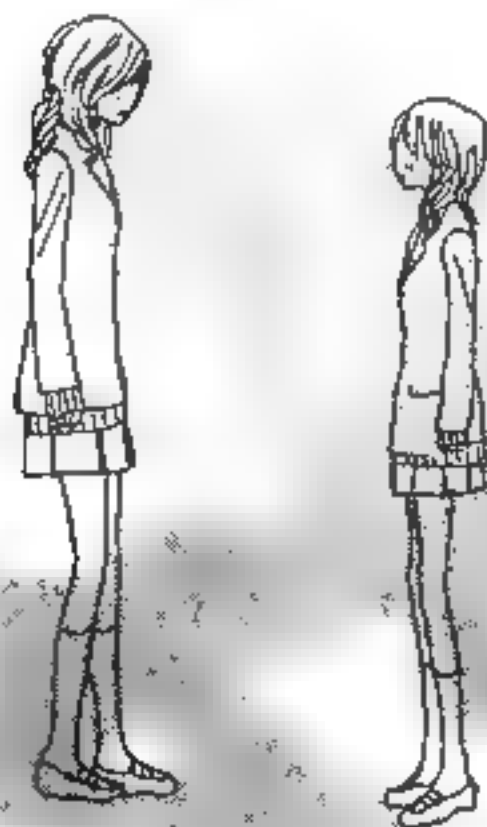
UWAAAH~

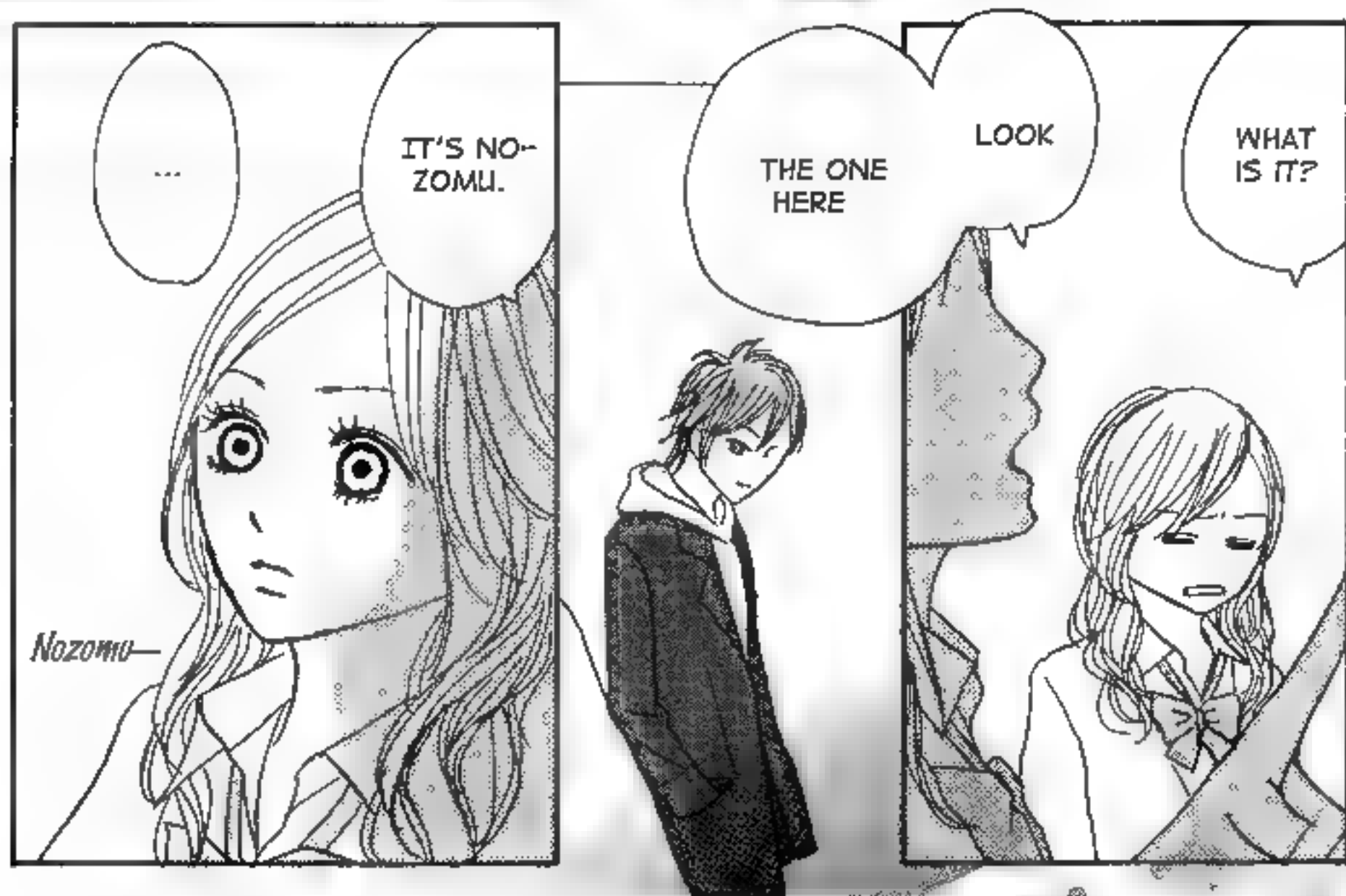
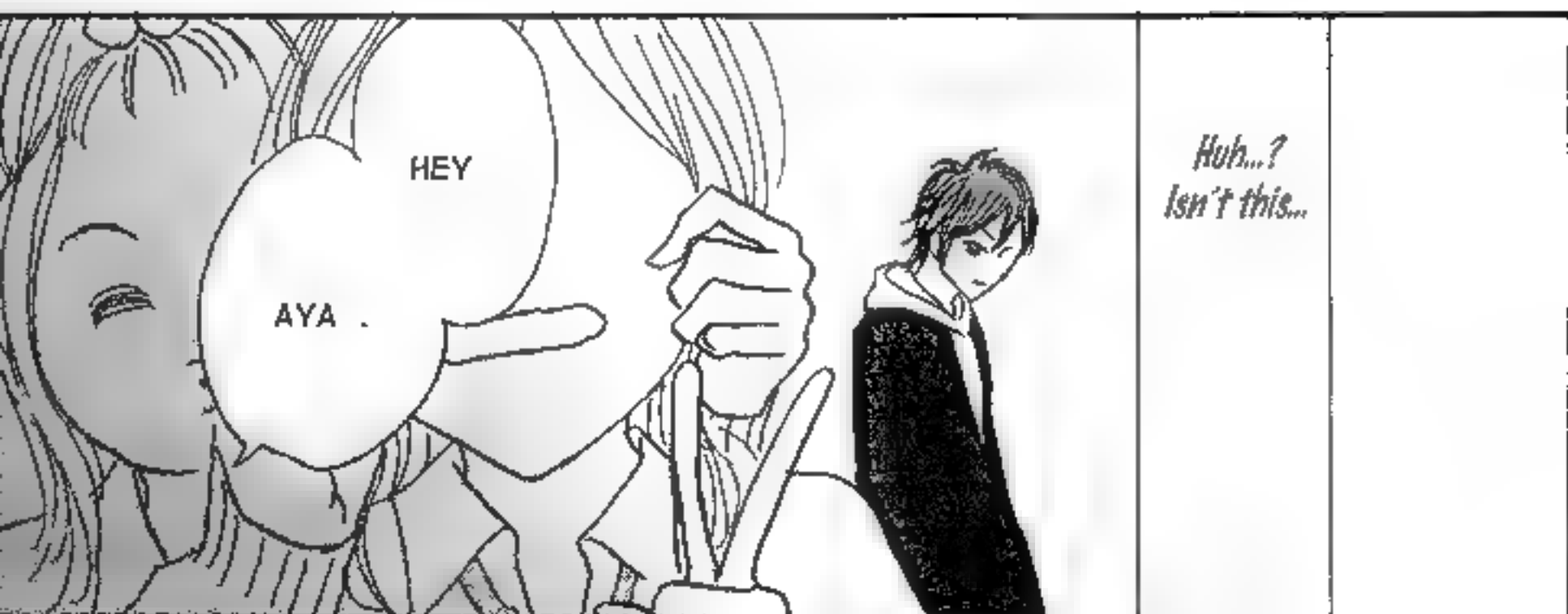
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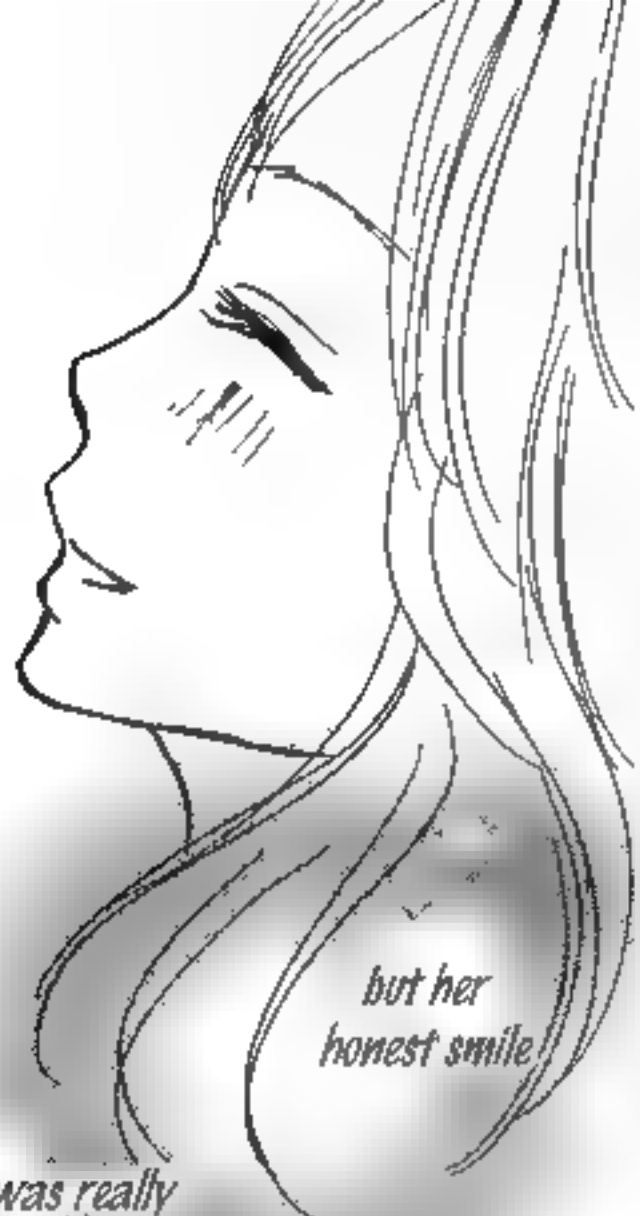
I'M
SORRY.

I'M REALLY
SORRY...

*It seems that the
tangled strings in
our heart...*







was really
bright.

but her
honest smile

and I don't know
if Aya bought this
photo or not,

CUT IT
OUT~

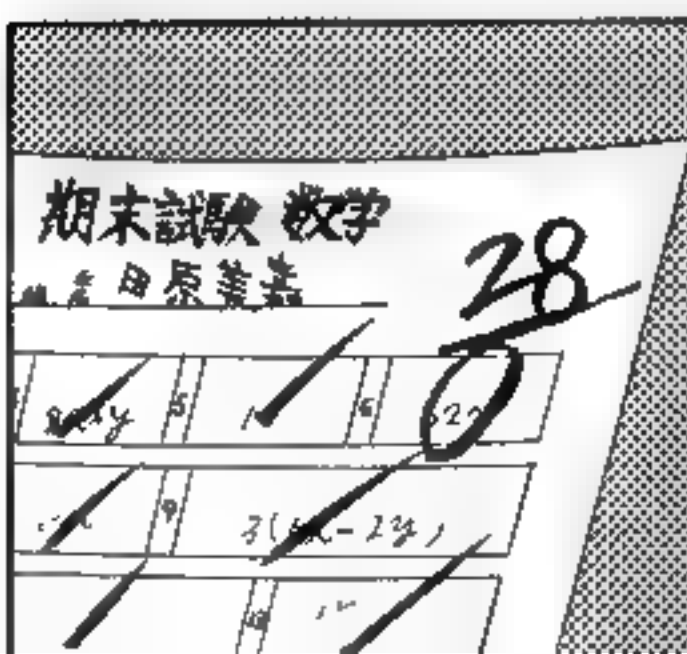


I don't know
what Nozomu
really thinks,



I'll be able
to smile like
that as well...

I wonder if
someday,



WHAT'S
THIS. ?

UWAH!

Uwah!

IT'LL BE
CHRISTMAS
WHEN
YOU'RE
DONE.

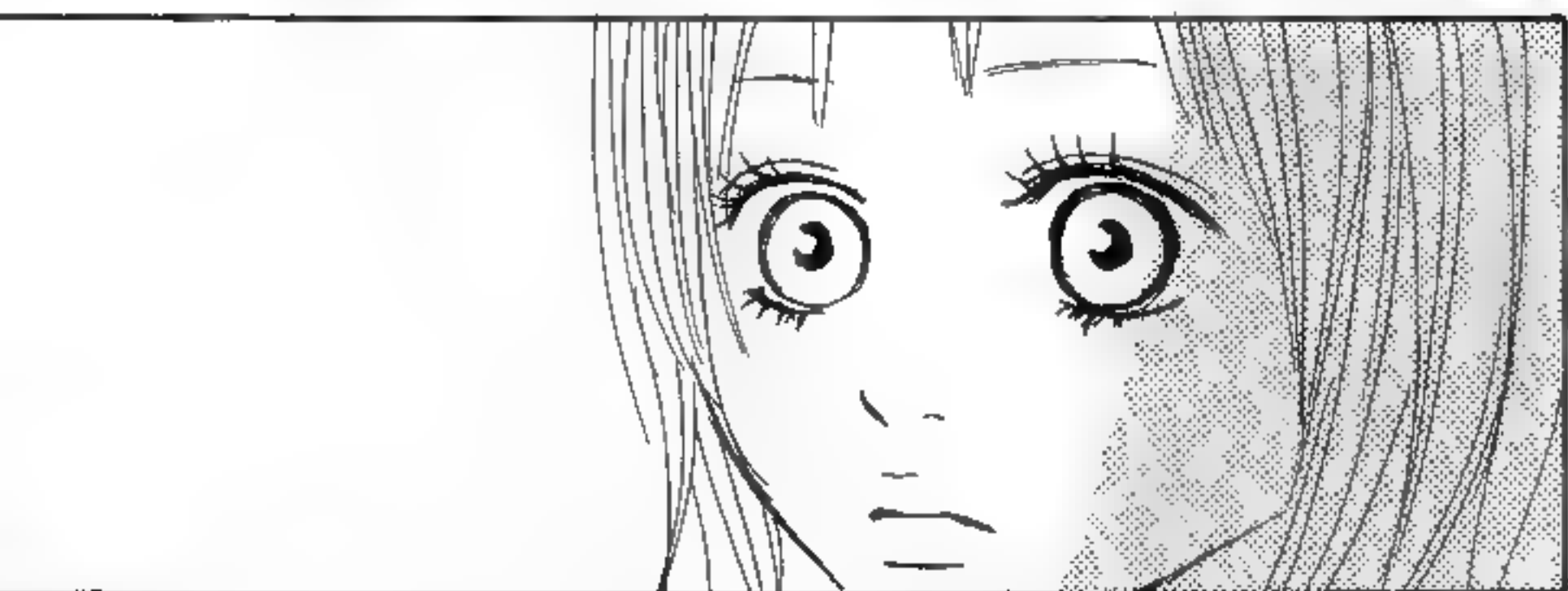
DO YOUR
BEST

ALL RIGHT,
YOU CAN'T
AVOID SUPP-
LEMENTARY
LESSONS
NOW~

Urgh.

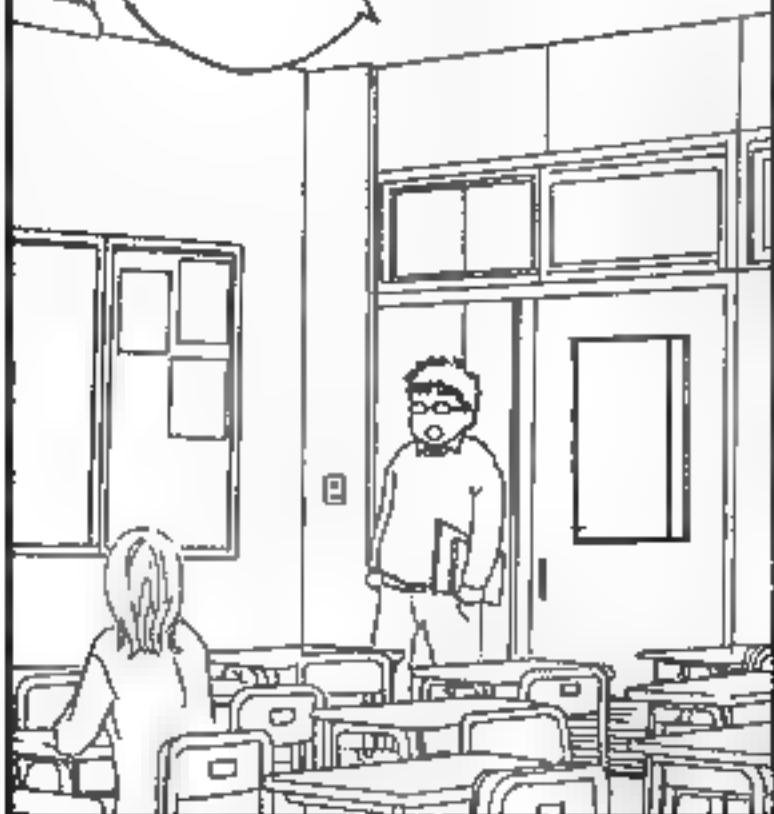
rattle

I'm so
unlucky.



ALL
RIGHT,
LET'S
START.

*He has to take
supplementary
lessons, too...*



turns away



Hiro...

Eh...?

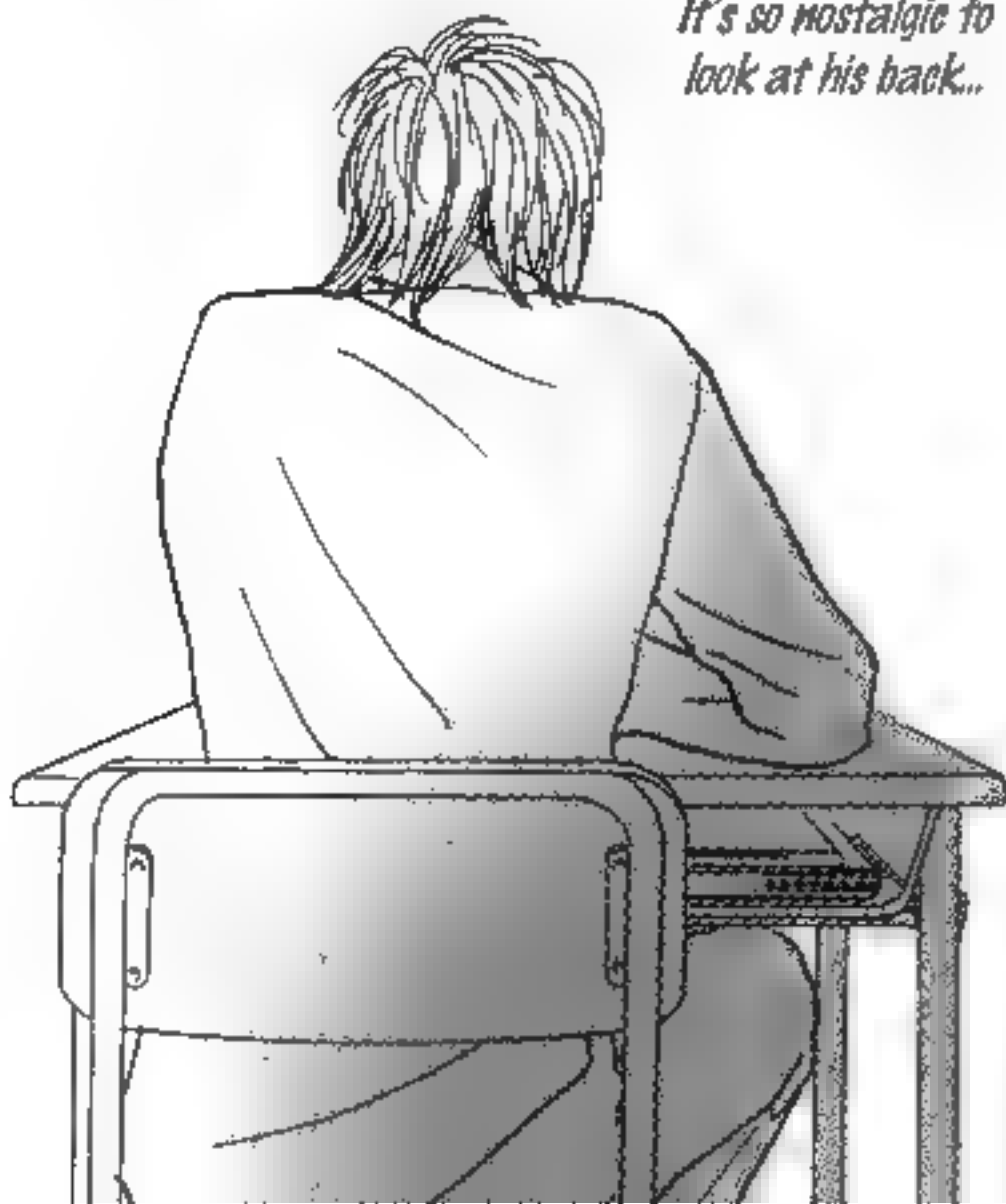


*I wonder
what he
thinks...*

*He noticed
me, right?*



*It's so nostalgic to
look at his back...*



*what he
thinks...*

I wonder—



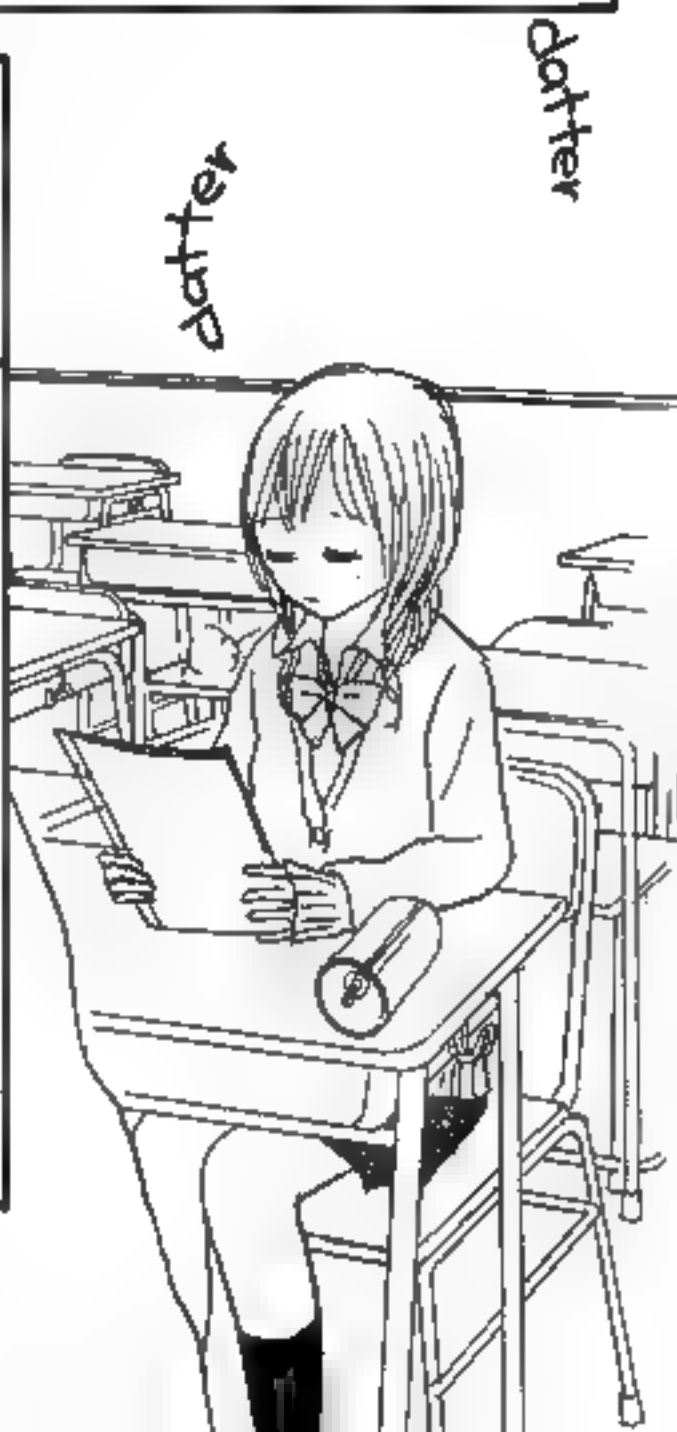
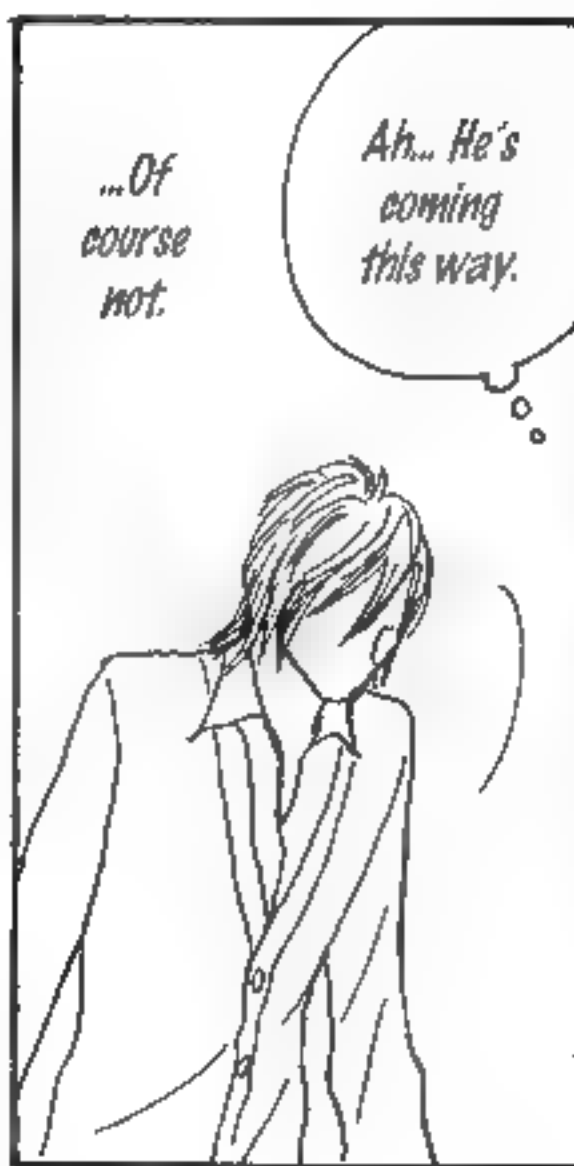
ALL
RIGHT,
THAT'S IT
FOR TODAY

*he won't think
anything even
if he sees me*

*After
all this
time,*

*...Of
course
not.*

*Ah... He's
coming
this way.*



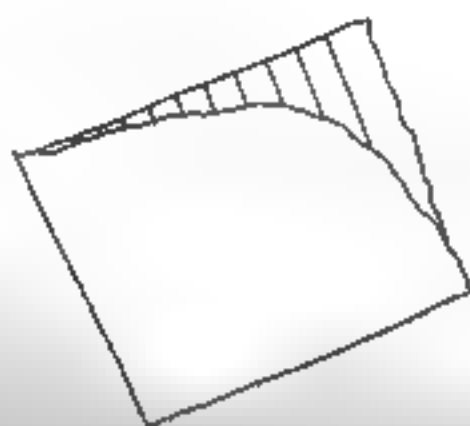
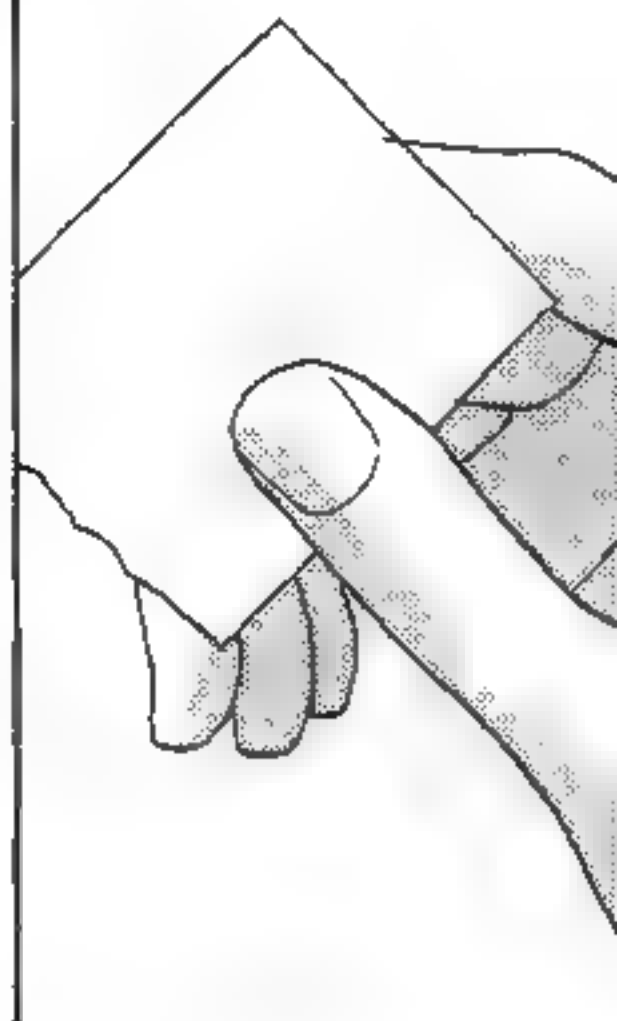
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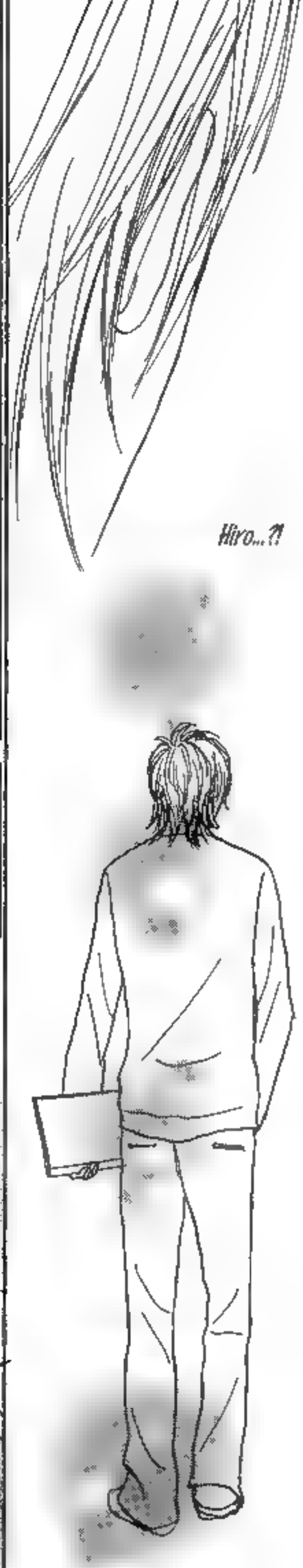
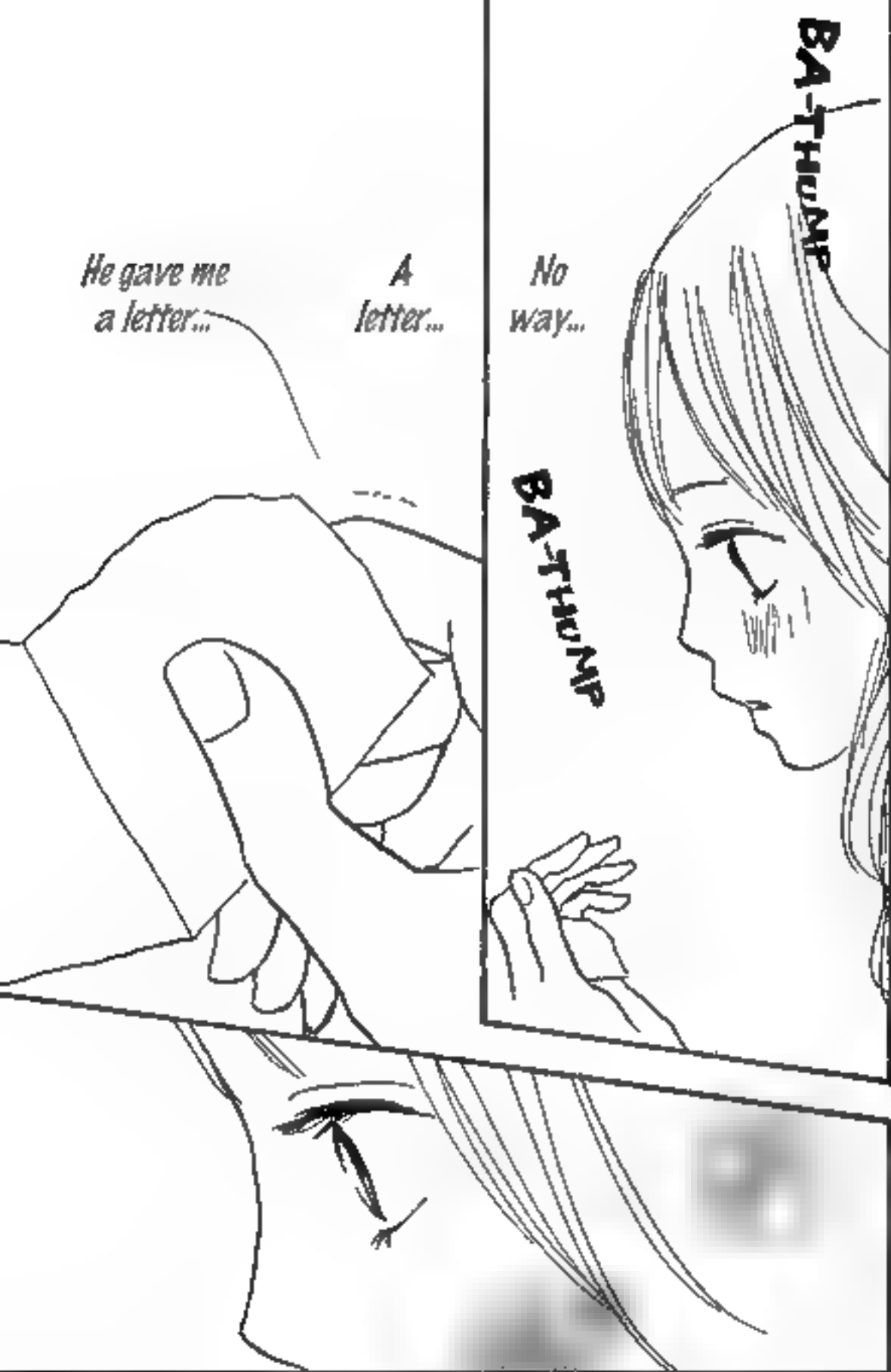
*he's already
moving on to
a new love...*

TOSS

I mean,



Eh...?



I don't understand
his intention...

HOW. ?

Hiro...

Mika,

you've kind of changed!

he
wrote...

But—

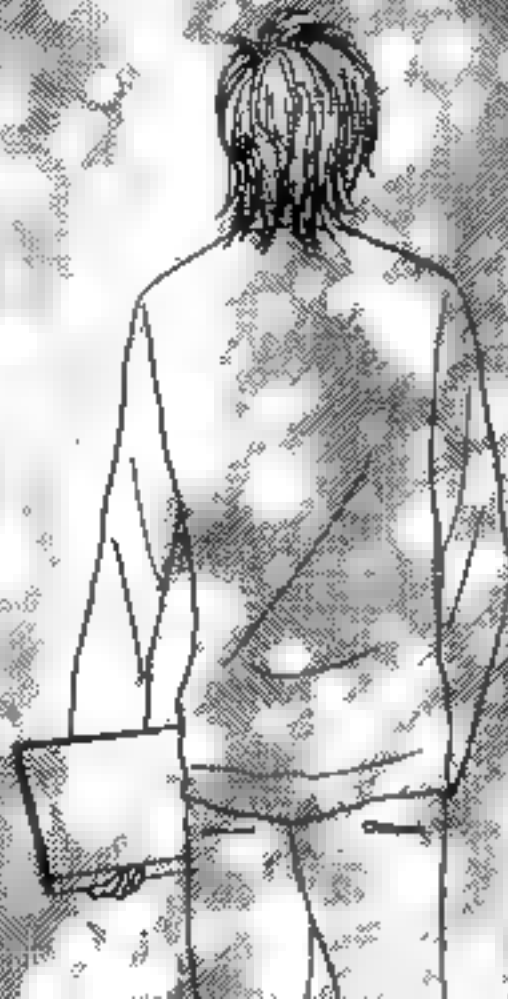
I-I'VE
CHAN-
GED?

He—

looked
at me...

Mika

my
name...



GOOD JOB
WITH YOUR SUPPLEMENTARY
LESSONS. LET'S
GO HOME.

HIRO,

*He looked
at me...*

HAVE
YOU BEEN
WAITING,
MIYABI?

HEY,

DON'T
LIE, YOU
LITTLE—!

squish

SORRY

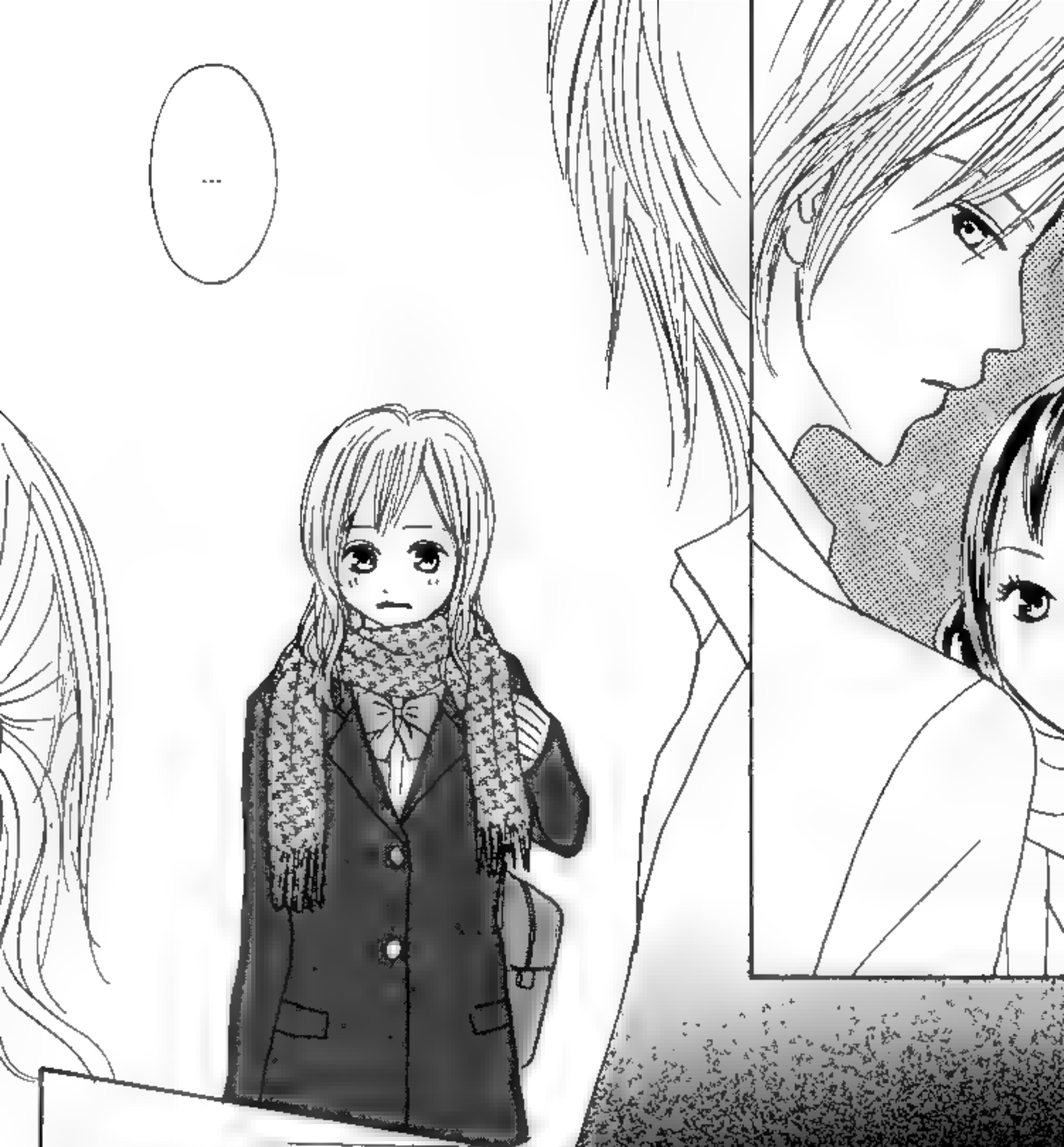
kyahahaha!

I WAS
LYING

REALLY?

YEAH. IT WAS
SO COLD!





BE HAPPY

*Even I
myself...*



A black and white photograph featuring several interlocking gears. The gears are of various sizes and are partially obscured by a dark, textured overlay. The text is fragmented and appears to be part of a larger, broken-up sentence. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

However,

don't know
if I really
meant that

or
not.

For the
many people

who sup-
ported me,

I wanted to
say that.

for my pre-
cious memories
with Hiro.

I want—

to smile.



*heading
toward
happiness...*

*I want to
go straight
forward,*

Aya's Room

ALL DONE.

YOU LOOK SO CUTE, IZUMI!

THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

AND MAKE SHINTAROU FALL FOR YOU ALL OVER AGAIN.

AT LEAST, FOR CHRISTMAS, YOU SHOULD DRESS UP,

WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS IN T-SHIRTS AND JEANS, IZUMI.

NO WAY! I DEFINITELY LOOK WEIRD!

Today,
we're having a Christmas party at Yamato's house.

Don't say that

I WONDER IF A HANDSOME GUY WILL COME~

They said that a senpai* where Shintarou's working part-time is also coming...



EH?

WE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
MEET NICE,
NEW PEOPLE.

OF COURSE.
THESE ARE MY
BEST CLOTHES.

OHH, THAT'S
AYA-SAMA
FOR YOU



*...At this
moment,*

I WONDER
IF THAT KIND
OF THING WILL
GO WELL.



*that I was
going to meet
someone...*

I still...

*didn't
know...*





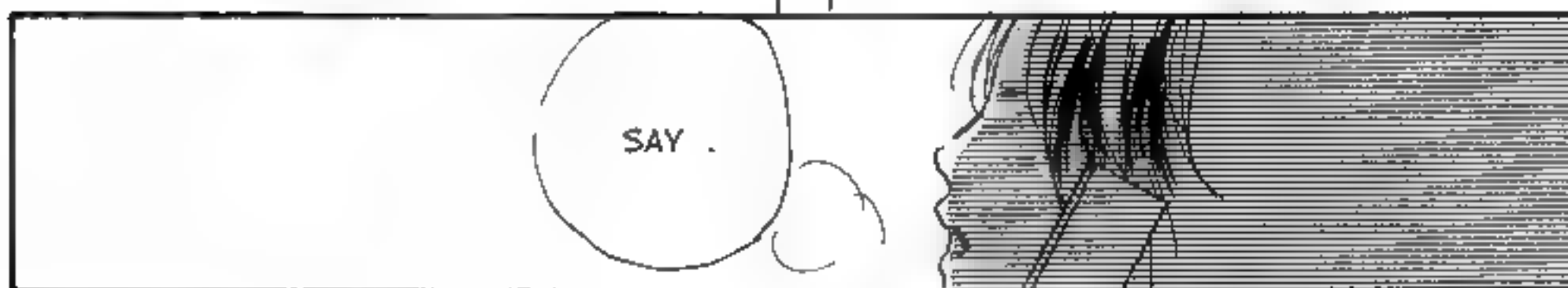
HEY, SHIN-TAROU.

AH, YUUSAN?

HELLO?

GOT IT

YOUR CELL PHONE'S RINGING. SHIN-TAROU,



SAY .



AM I?

WHERE EXACTLY

*a new future
will open up
for me...*

*And that
ever since
this day.*

WHAHAHAHA!
HOW WOULD
I KNOW?

I'M
LOST.

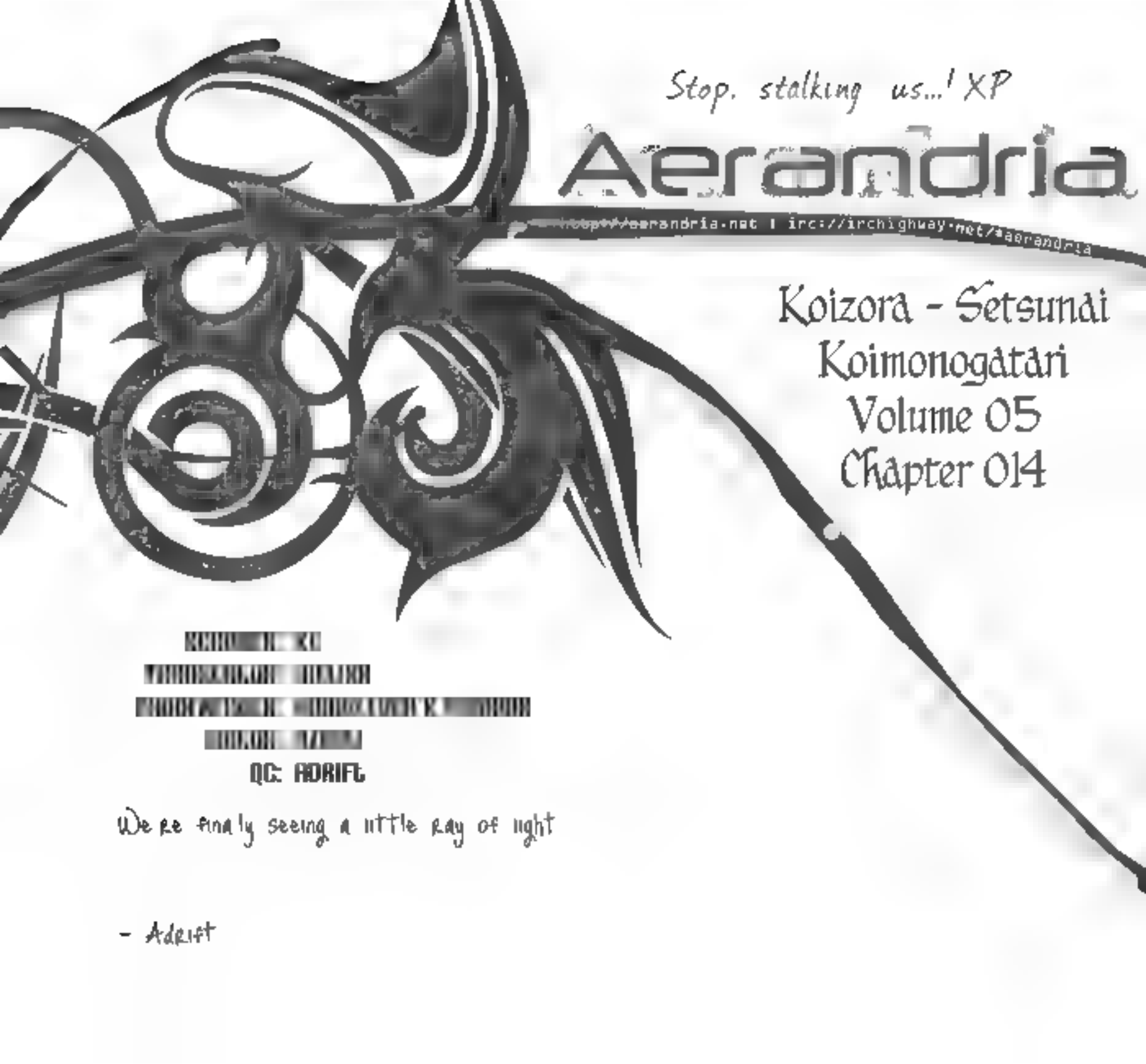
COME
TO PICK
ME UP.

I got off the
cars but I still
can't tell.

~*~ End of chapter 13 ~*~







Stop. stalking us...! XP

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QC: Adrift

We're finally seeing a little ray of light

- Adrift



K o i z o r a

Love Sky

Sad Love Story

#14

Click

HEY
THERE,

I'M
TAKADA
AYA.

I'M CURRENTLY
LOOKING FOR A
BOYFRIEND ..



SHINTAROU'S
PICKING THEM
UP NOW

WHAT?!

AHAHA, WE DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT THEY'LL
BE LIKE YET.

I WANT TO
MEET CUTE
GUYS NOOOOW~

*The Christmas party
at the Yamato House
will have people we
don't know coming.*



NO ONE'S
HERE YET

WHAT?

UM,

*She's been
looking forward
to meeting them
for a long time.*



*Aya is so
excited.*

*Plus they're
apparently
college
students...*

*I'm feeling...
kind of
nervous.*

*older
than
me.*

*Maybe she
wants to cut her-
self off from the
feelings she has
for Nozomu...?*



ALL
RIGHT!

*to search for
a new love!*

Right...

*I'm also
determined*

WHAT'S
THIS, MIKA,
ALL OF THE
SUDDEN?

EH?

**I'LL DO
MY BEST!**

THUD

*I have
to hurry*

*and make
Hiro just a
memory...*

YOU LOOK
STIFF, WHAT'S
WRONG?

HEY
SHINTAROU,
WELCOME
BACK.

I—



oh!

ALL RIGHT,
COME ON UP
TO THE
SECOND
FLOOR!

I'm so glad,
Izumi. ♡

Izumi and
Shintarou are
so in love.

Kya!
Kya!
△

THE
GUYS HAVE
ARRIVED!

HE—Y
GIRLS!

R-right, since
Shintarou's back
that means...

Jingle...

THANKS
FOR HA-
VING US...

HEY—

creak

AHH, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

YUU—

SORRY,
YAMA-
TO-KUN.

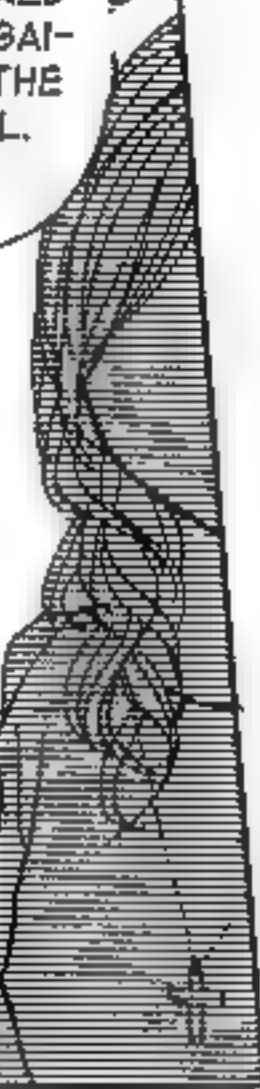
I GUESS I
KNOCKED
'EM AGAI-
NST THE
WALL.

HAHA!

SORRY.

HEY, QUIT
SHOWING
OFF YOUR
KEYS!

OH, NO
WORRIES



*A suit... He looks
so grown-up...*

Kansai
accents...*

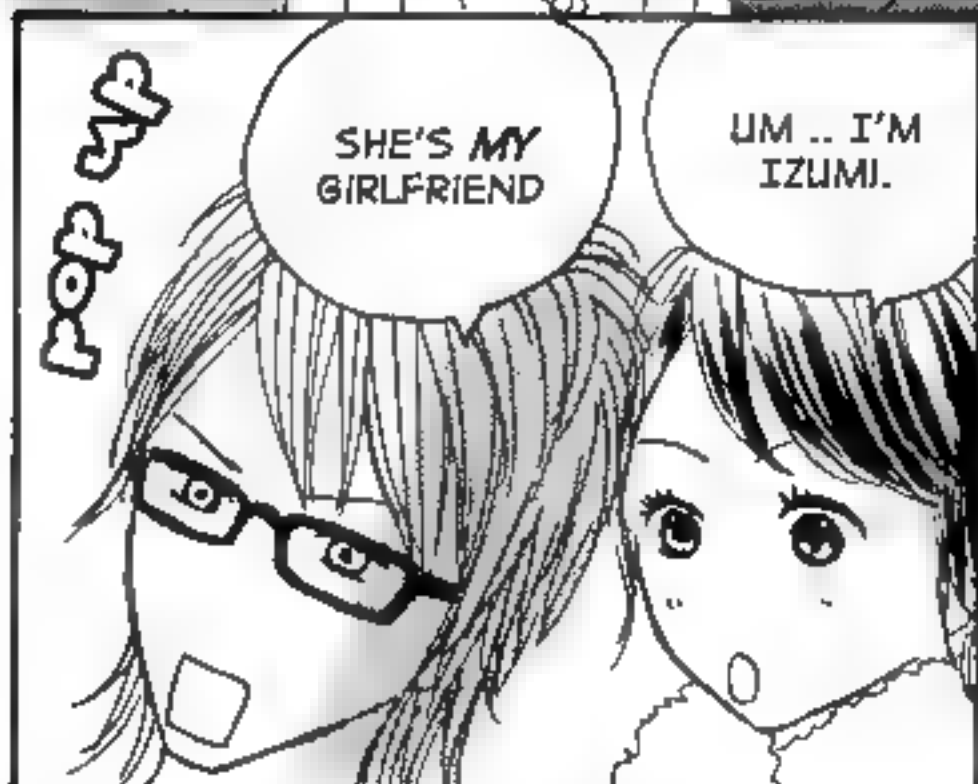


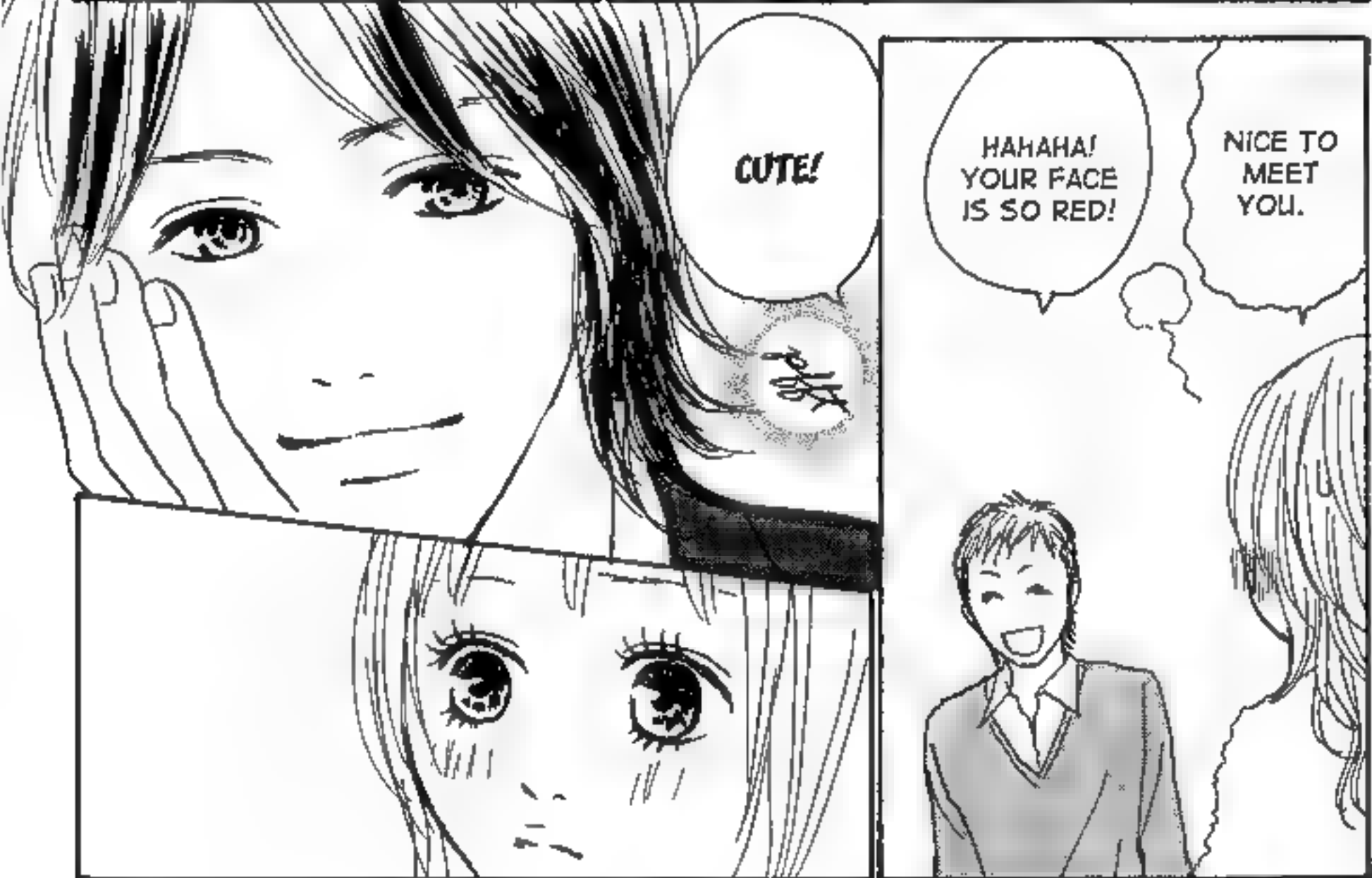
HEY, HEY,
MIKA,

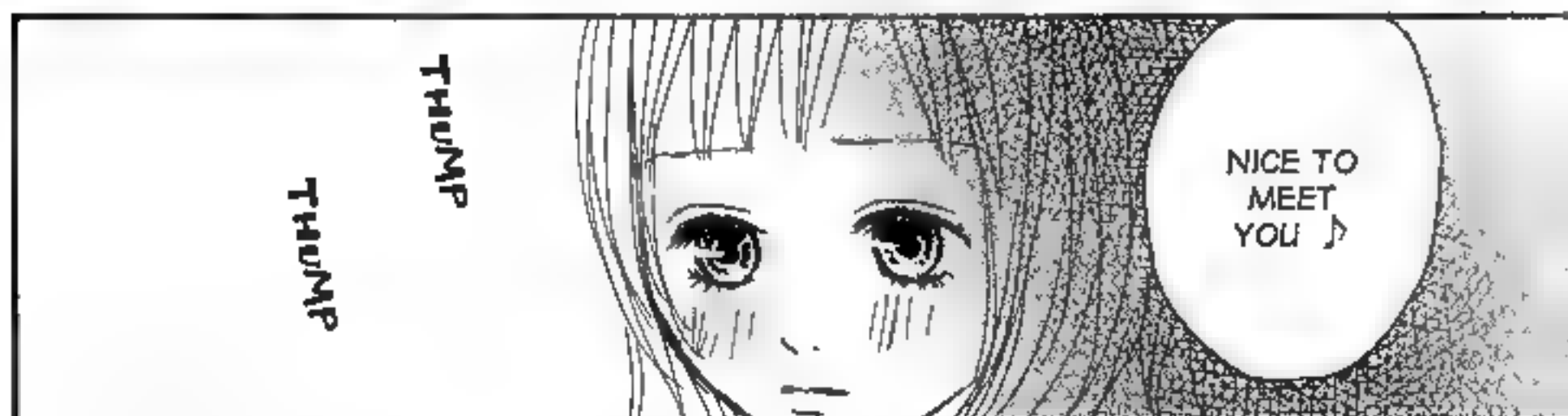
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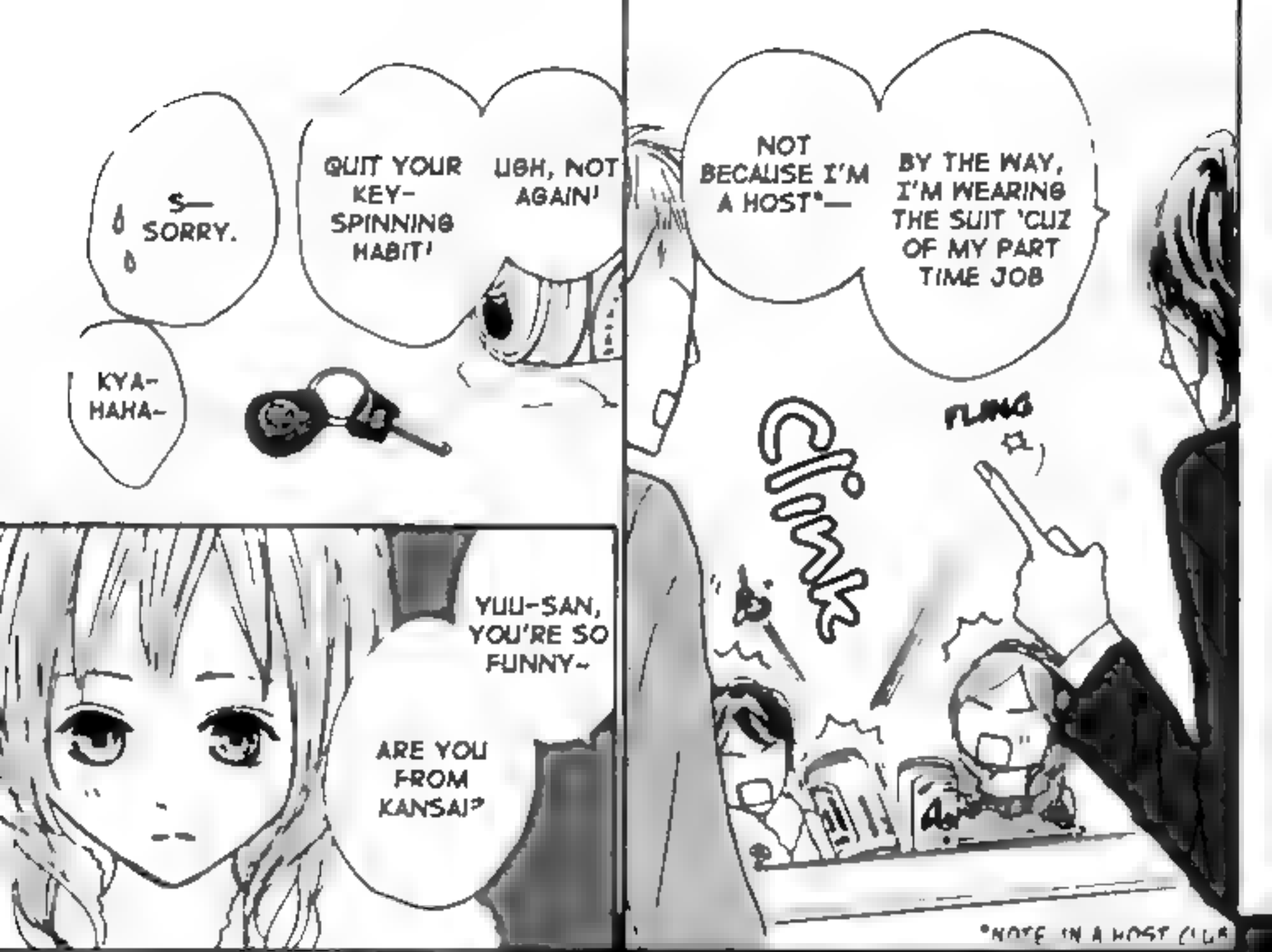


THAT GUY
IN THE SUIT
LOOKS SO
COOL. ♡

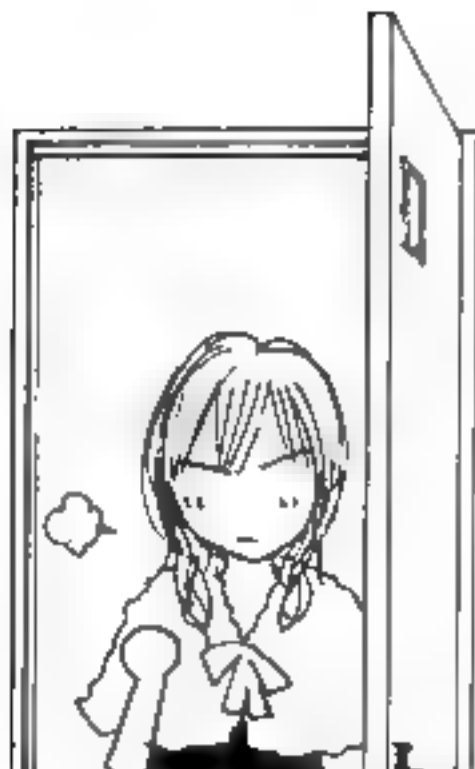








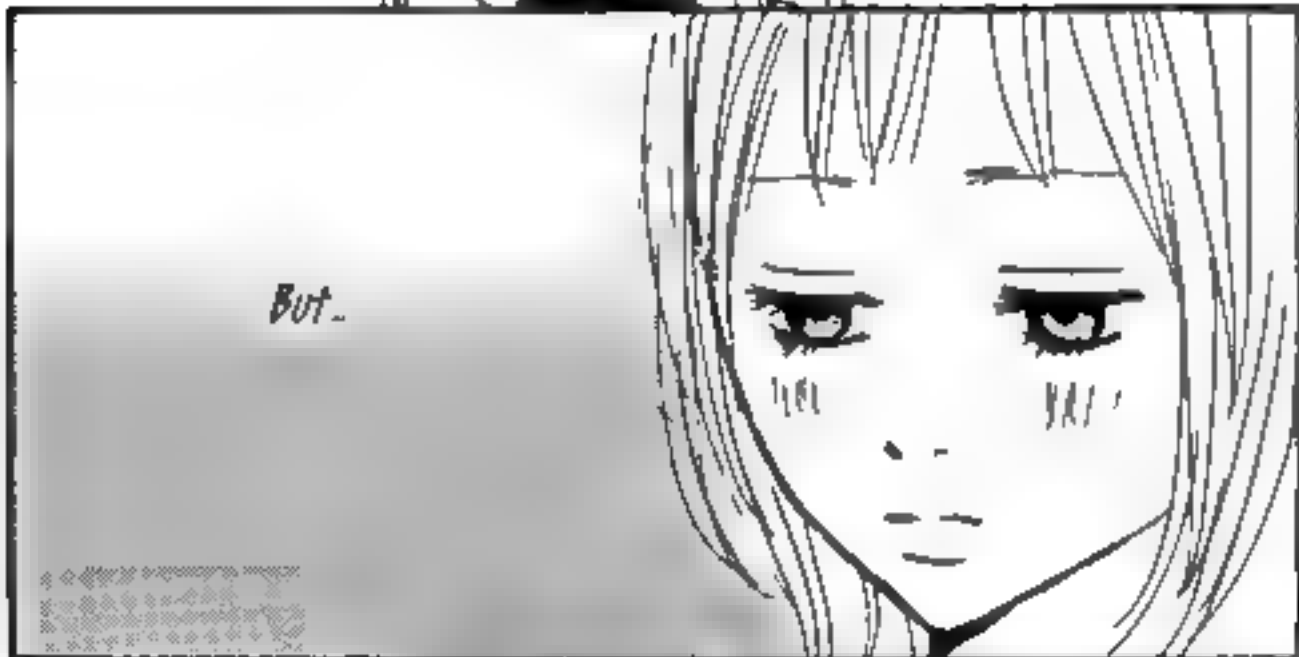




I have
to try!

Follow
Aya's lead!

Just as I thought, I
can't really handle
meeting strangers.



But...

That's...
no good!



In the
end...

click

It is Christ-
mas.

That's
right...
today

MIKA-CHAN.



HEY,
NOTHING
HAPPENED

SUSPI-
CIOUS~

WHOA~
THE TWO
OF YOU
RETURNING
TOGETHER...



Why does this
guy seem like
nothing can
ever bother
him?

I'm the
only one
who is so
nervous.



she's com-
pletely fallen
for Yuu-san
anyway.

Aya
seems
like



YEAH,

I'M JUST
LYING DOWN
FOR A BIT—

sorry

HUH?
MIKA, ARE
YOU OK?



I don't want
trouble from
another misun-
derstanding...

I shouldn't
get too close.



AT
SUNNY
1/20/17

Am I
LIVING THING
TO HAVE ON

Am I
the living
creature

eyes
opening

What
time is it

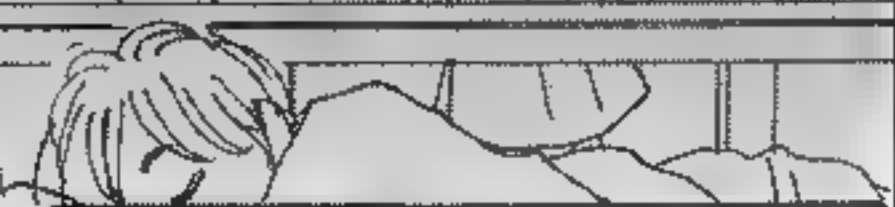
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11/11/17



softly

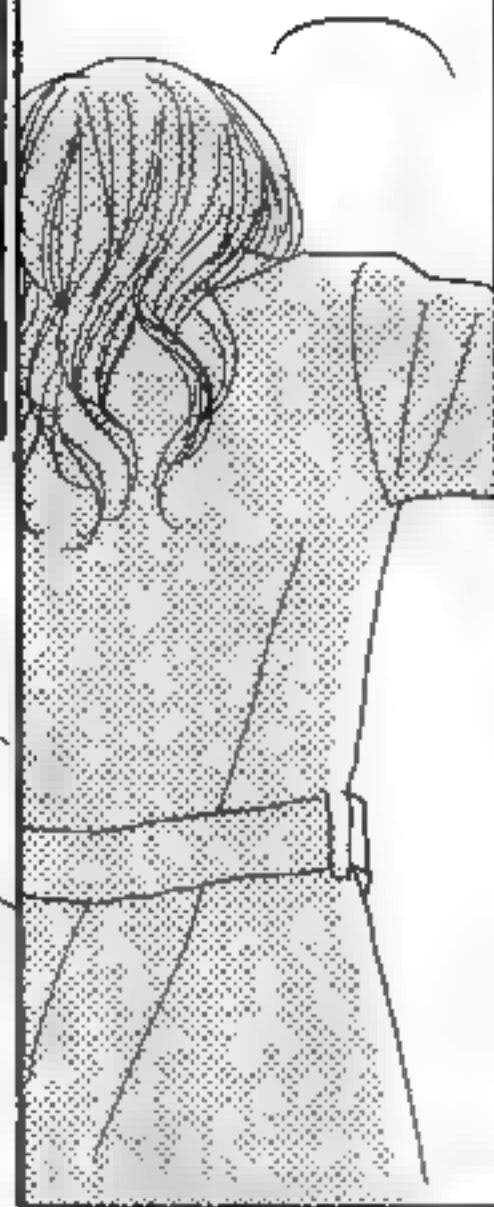
*I've got to
go today...*



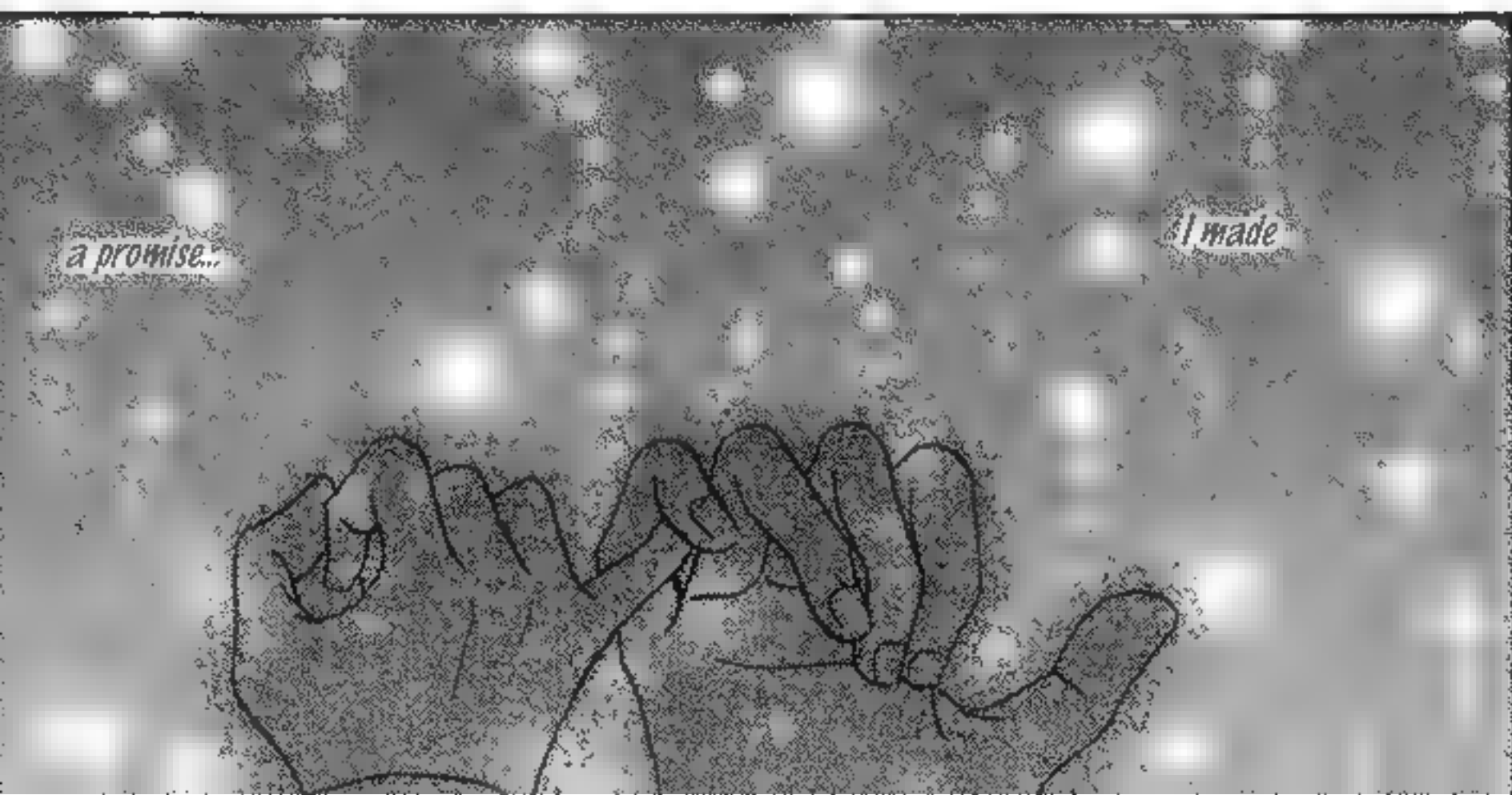
close



Because



*I've got
to go...*



a promise...

I made

"YEAH, NEXT
YEAR, AND THE
YEAR AFTER
THAT, TOO."

"NEXT
YEAR"

"LET'S COME
HERE AGAIN"



"FOREVER
AND EVER"

Heuff

That, Ho-
werden

There
it is.

Koizora

*even if Hiro
forgets,*

*Even if
years pass,*

*I haven't
forgotten.*

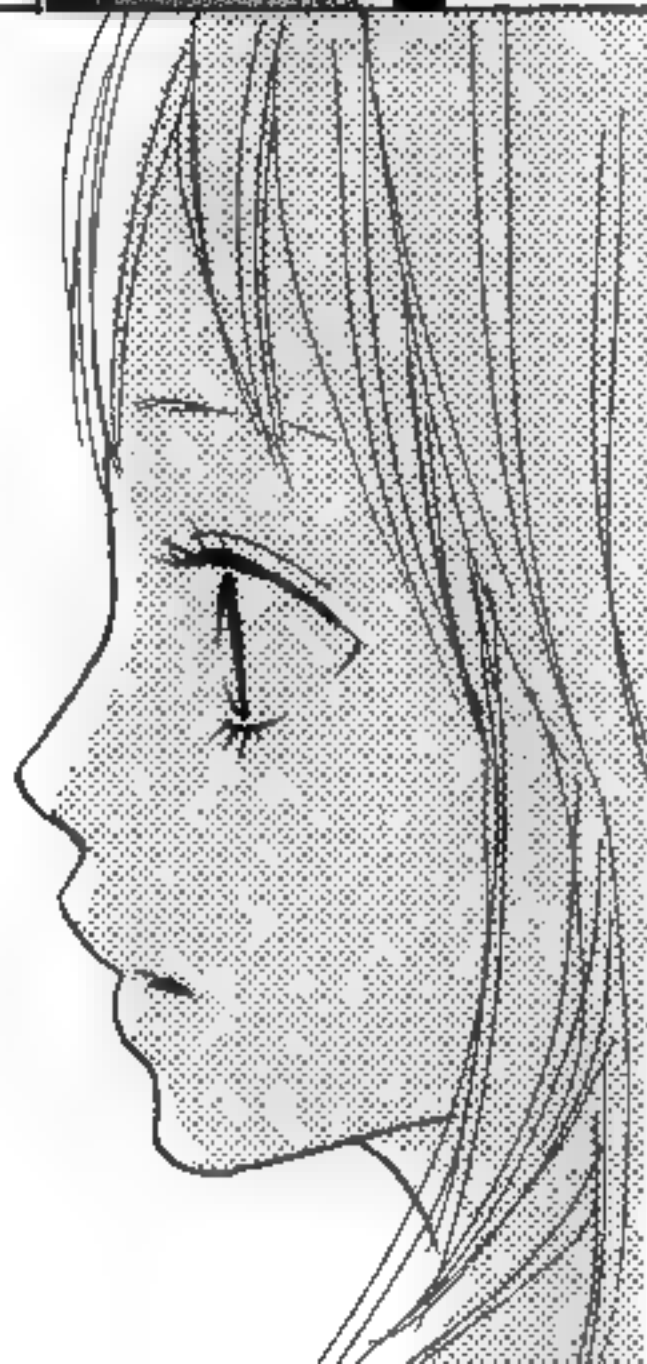
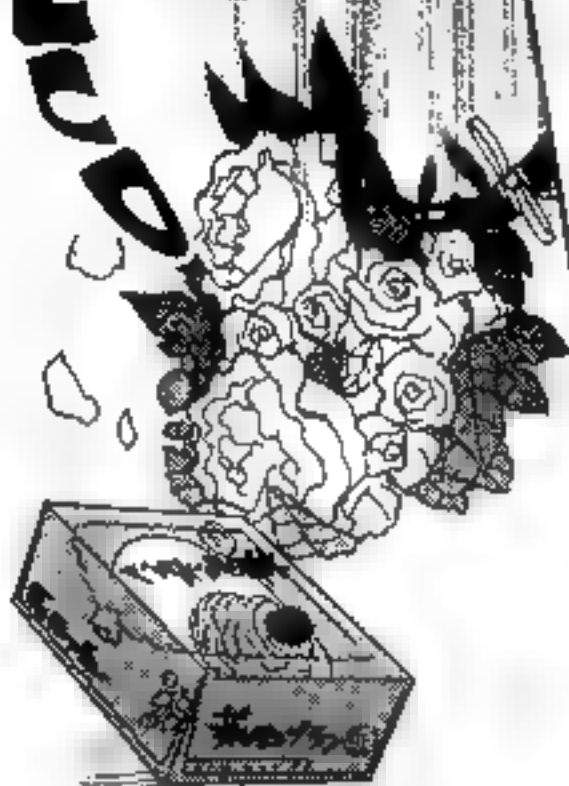
*Today's the
anniversary,
and we pro-
mised we'd
visit.*

*The place Hiro
and I decided
as our baby's
grave*

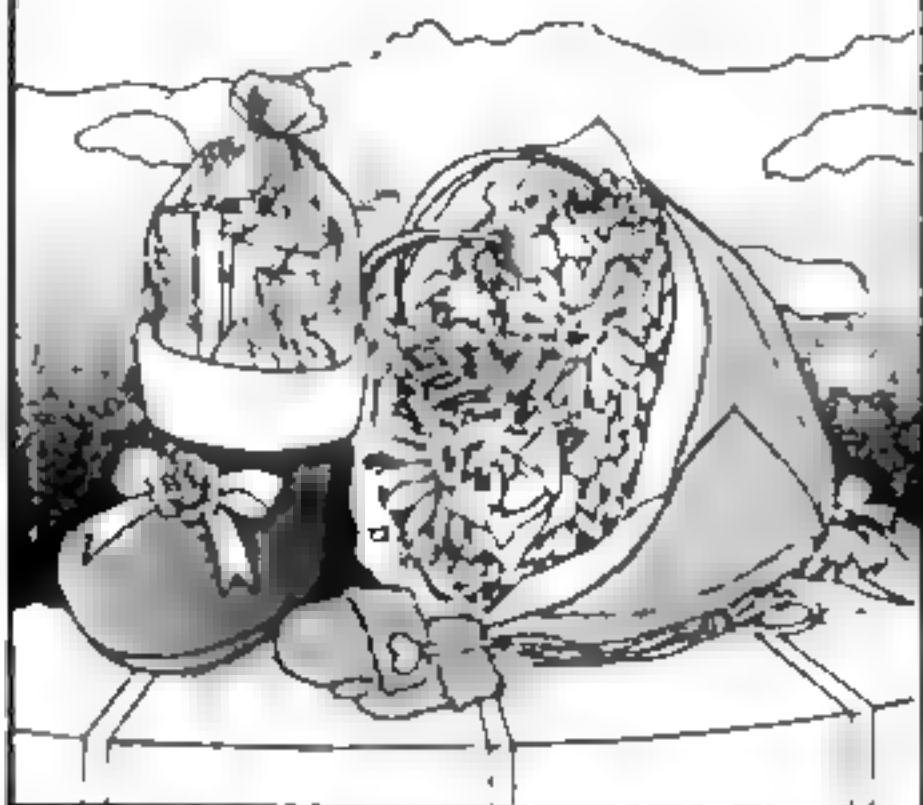
*I will keep
my promise...*



THUD



What...

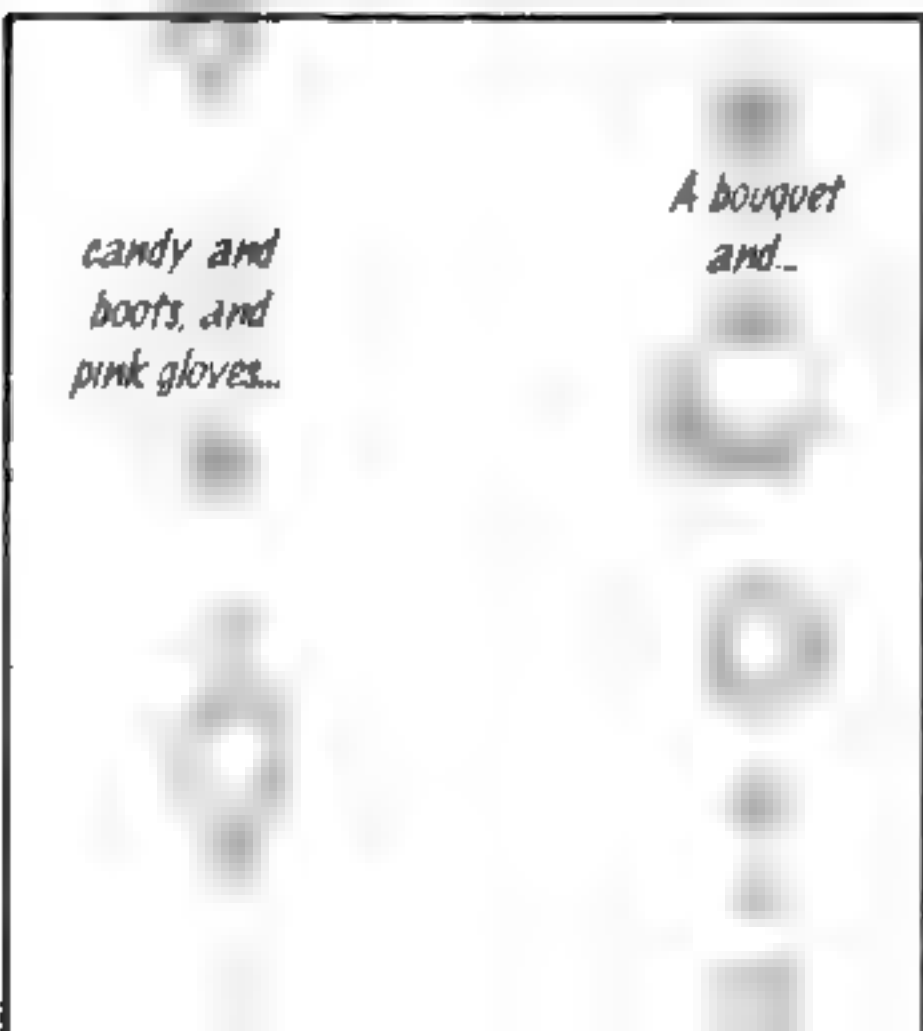


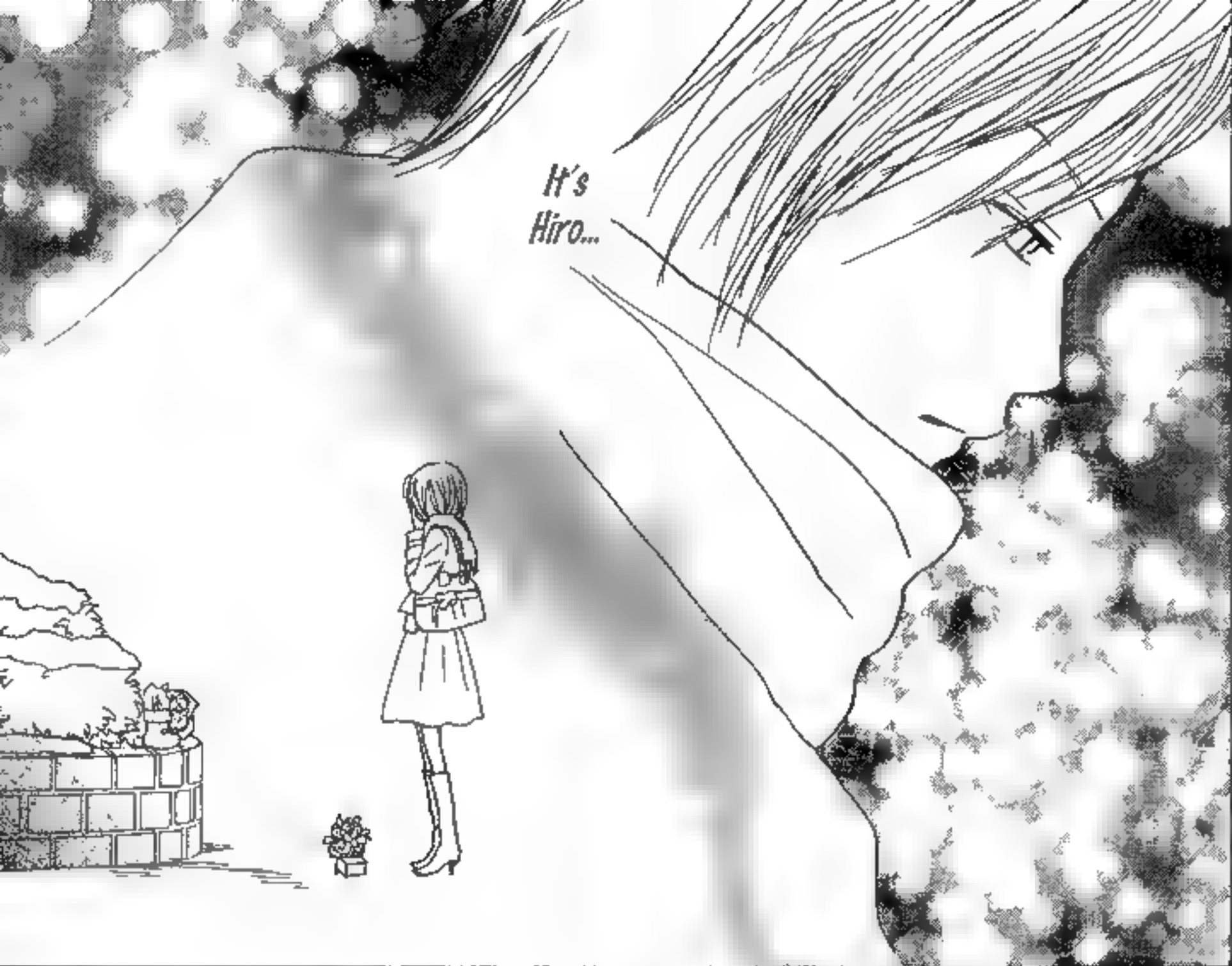
An offering...



candy and
boots, and
pink gloves...

A bouquet
and...





*It's
Hiro...*

*kept his
promise...*

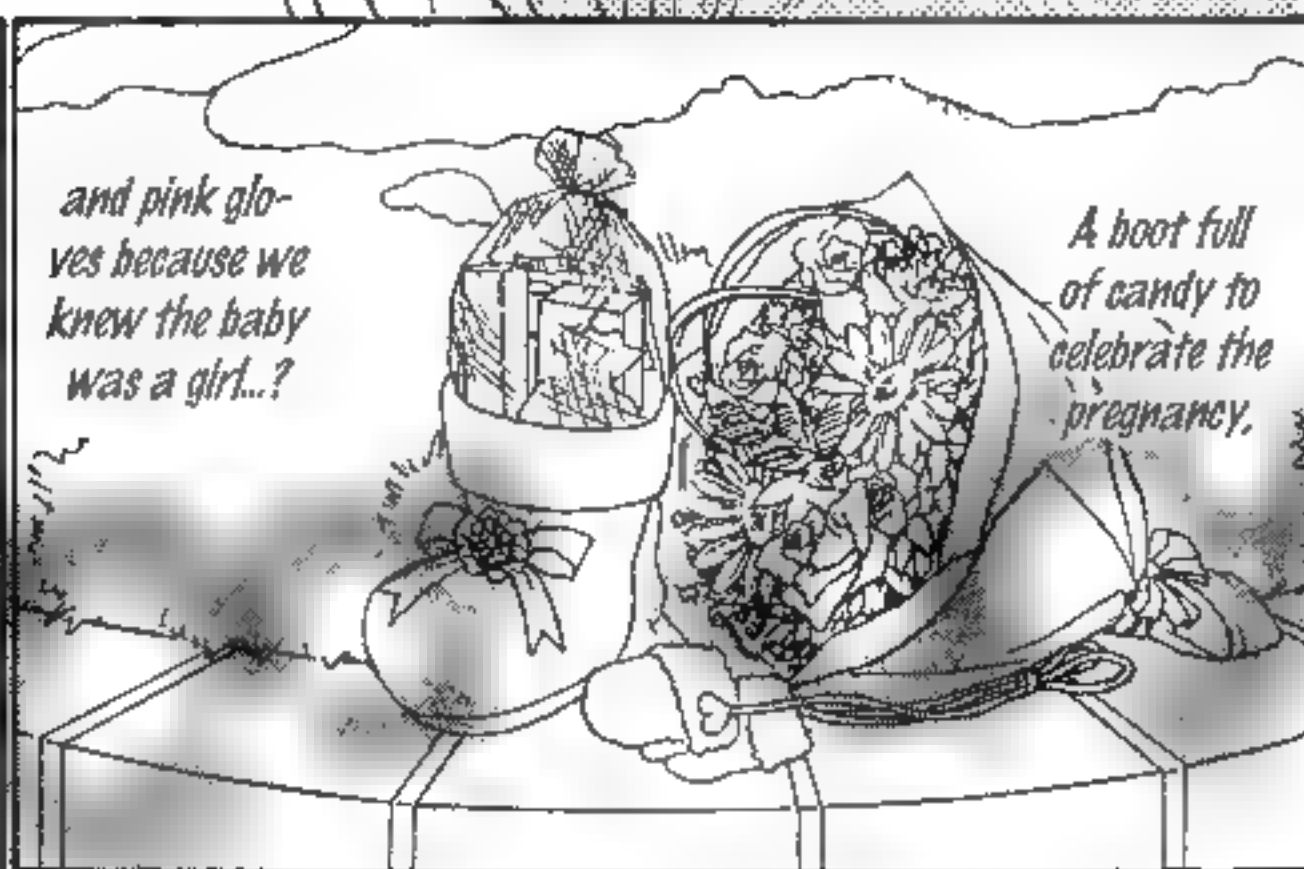
*Hiro
also*

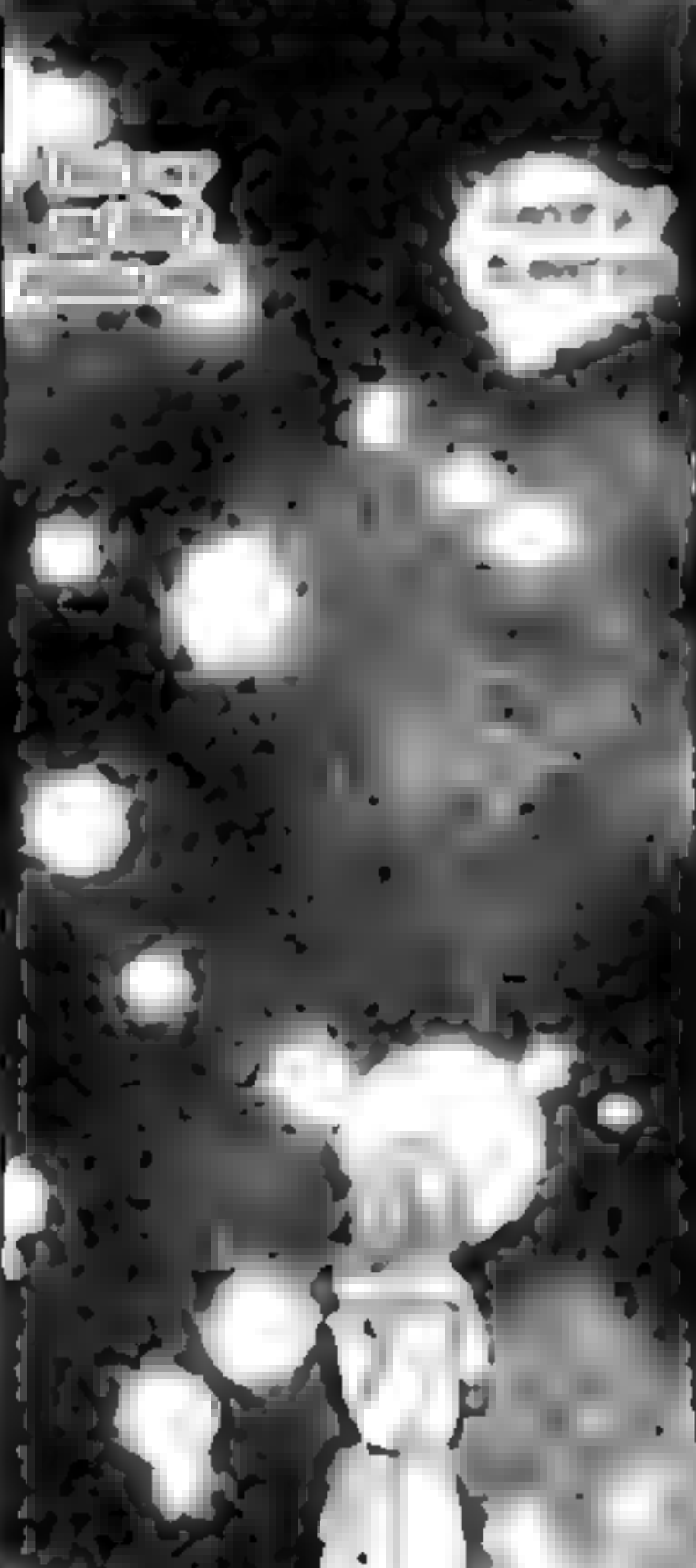
*are full of
his warm
thoughts...*

*The
gifts*

*and pink glo-
ves because we
knew the baby
was a girl...?*

*A boot full
of candy to
celebrate the
pregnancy.*



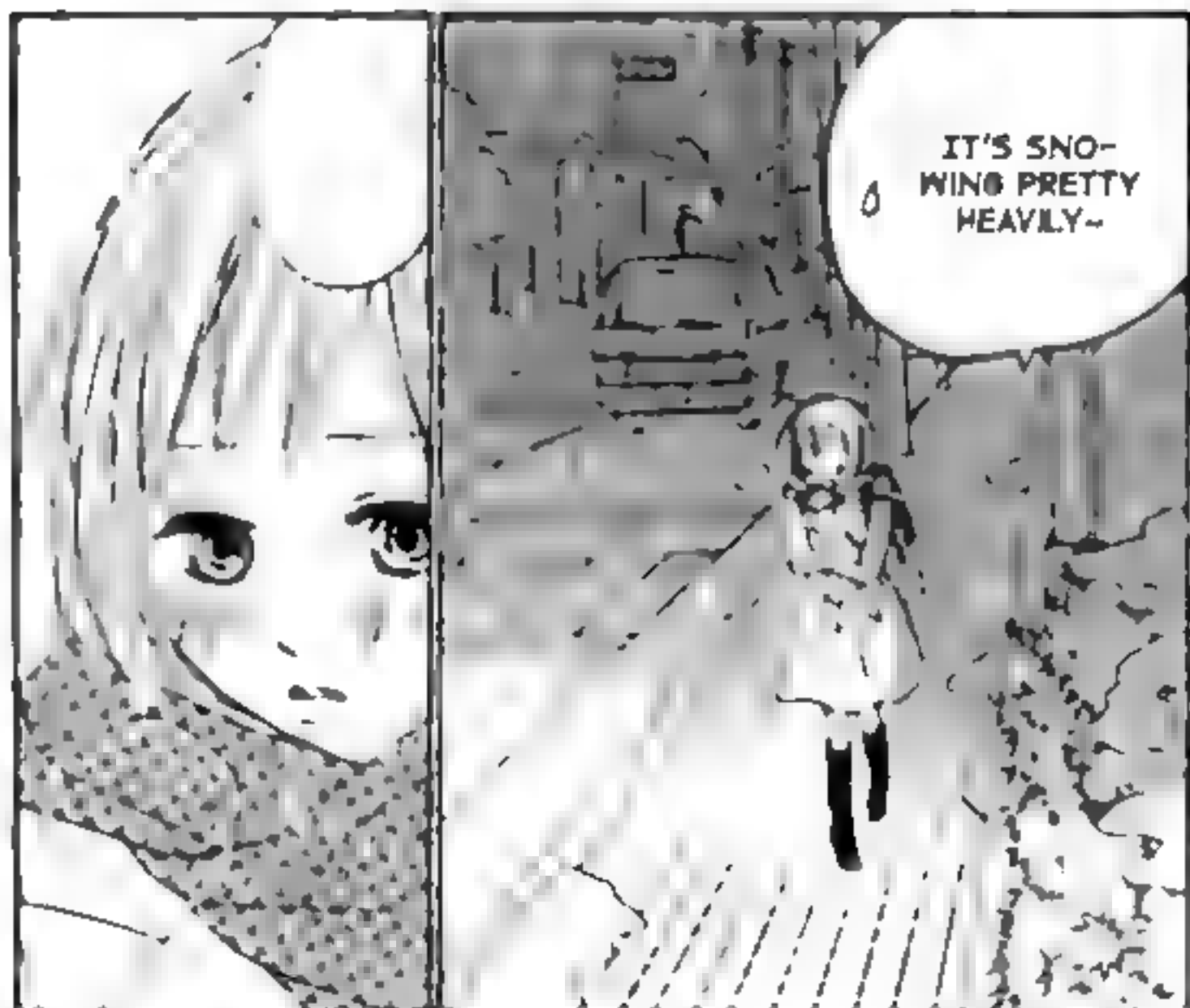




THE
END

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NOW

Even though it's
Christmas, and he's
probably someone
with no money
left.

To think
he came
here.

BEEP BEEP



FINALLY, I
FOUND YOU.

Huh...?

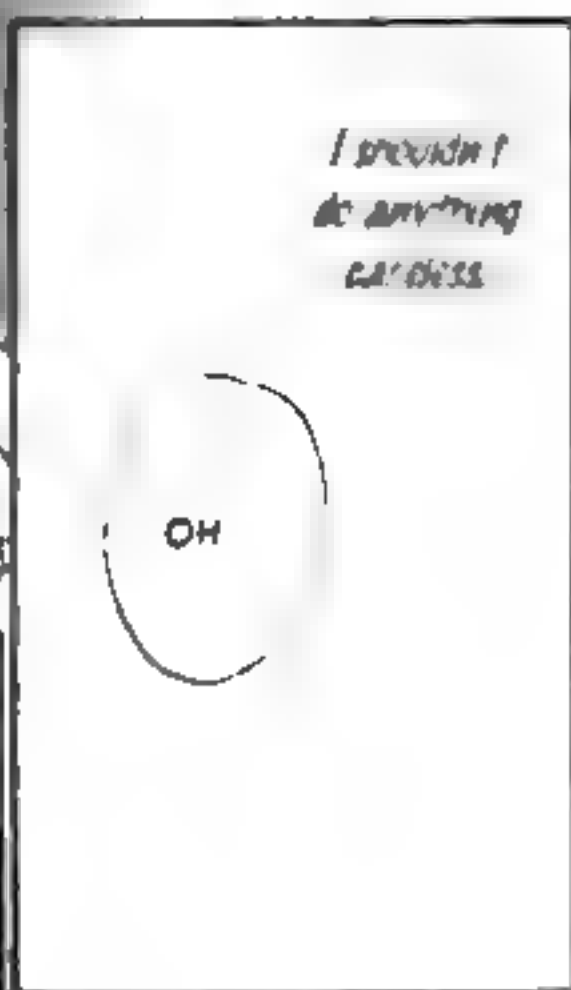
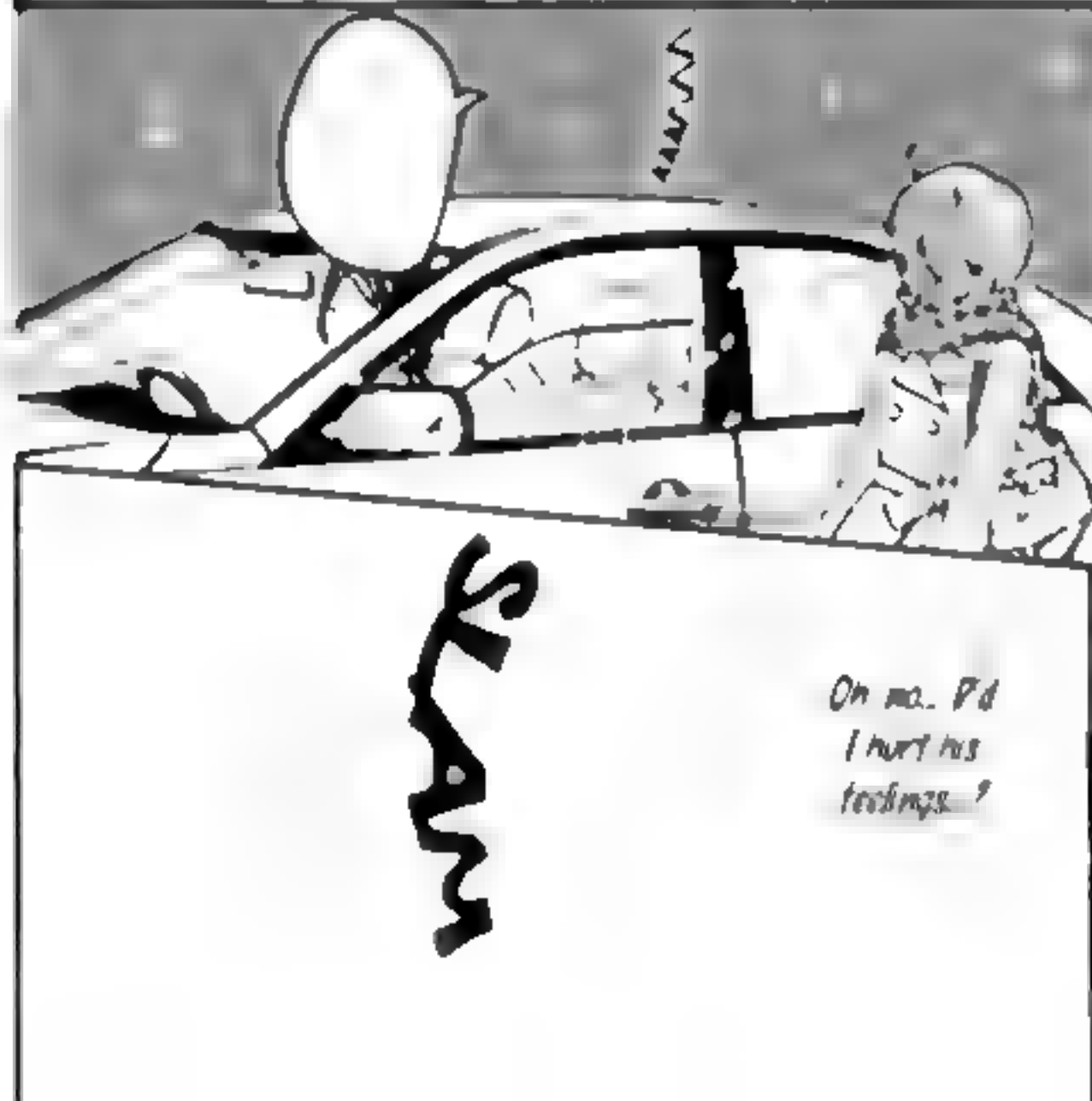
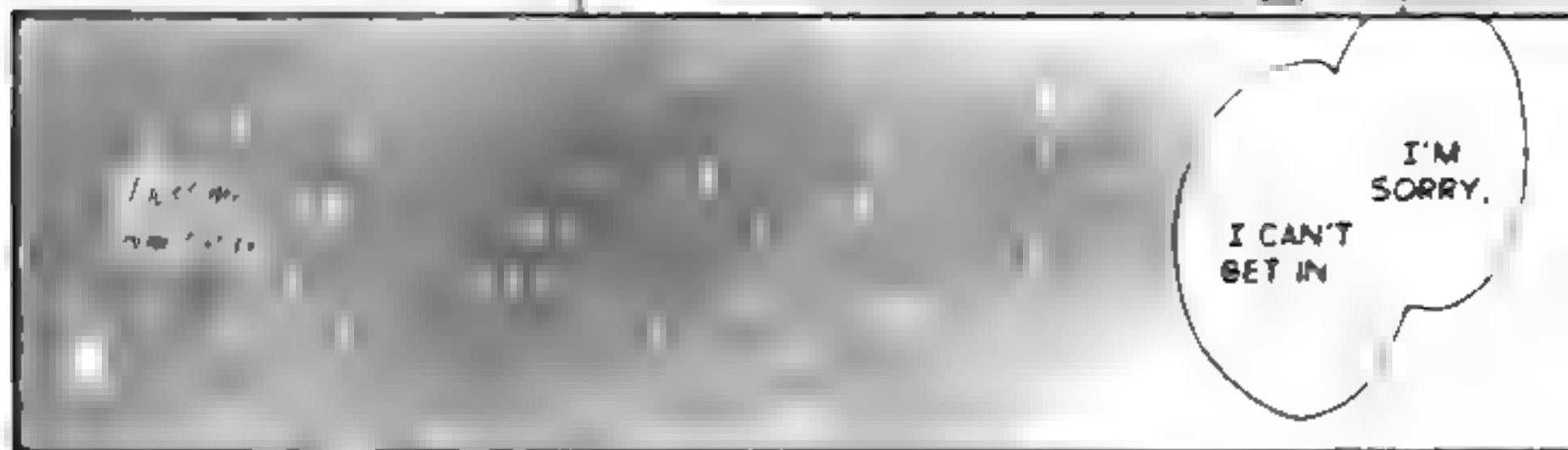
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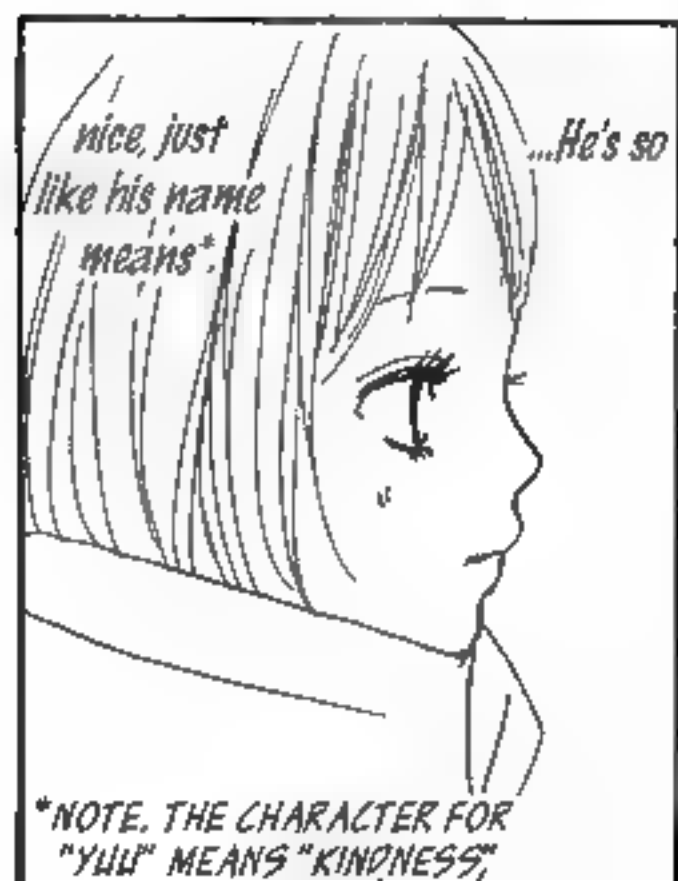
A GIRL,
ALONE AT
THIS TIME OF
NIGHT, IT'S
DANGEROUS!

You...
Yuu-san?!

WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YA DOIN'?

I CAME
SEARCHIN'
FOR YA, I
WAS SO
WORRIED!









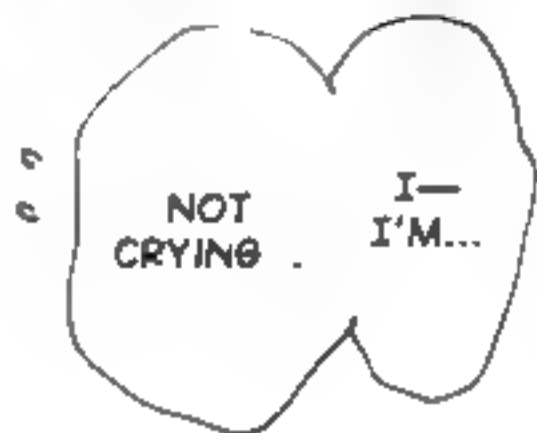
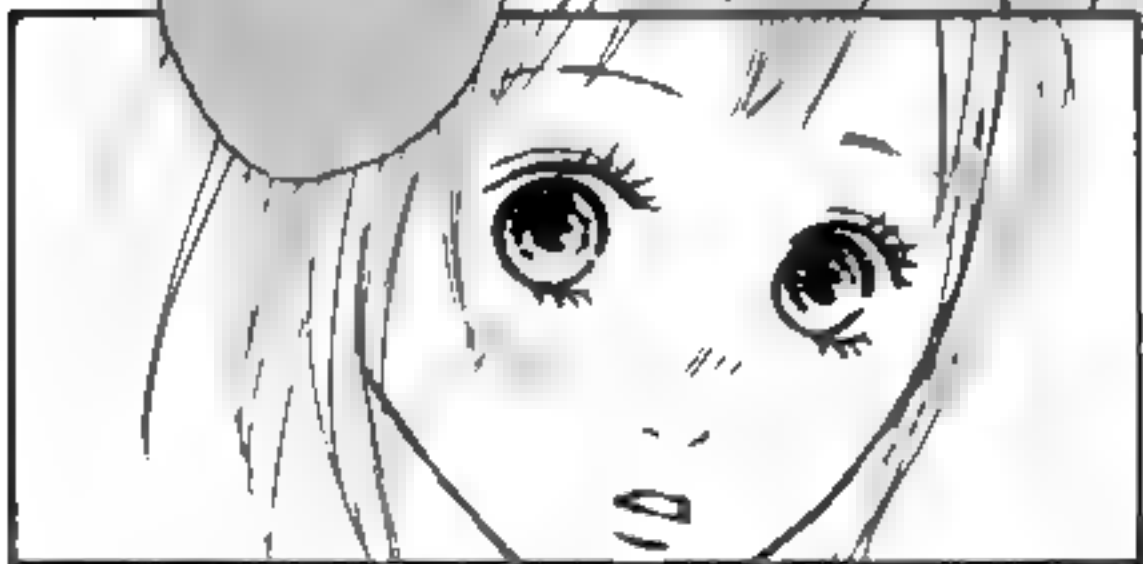
*I'm so dis-
trusting.*

*not cute or
loveable...*

*When did
I become
so hated?*



ARE YA
CRYING?



Eh...



EH

WH—
WHAT
IS IT?

*What
should I do...*

I'M PROBABLY
JUST A LITTLE
DRUNK STILL.

ARE MY
EYES RED?

*He.. he
caught me.*

*if he asks
the reason...?*

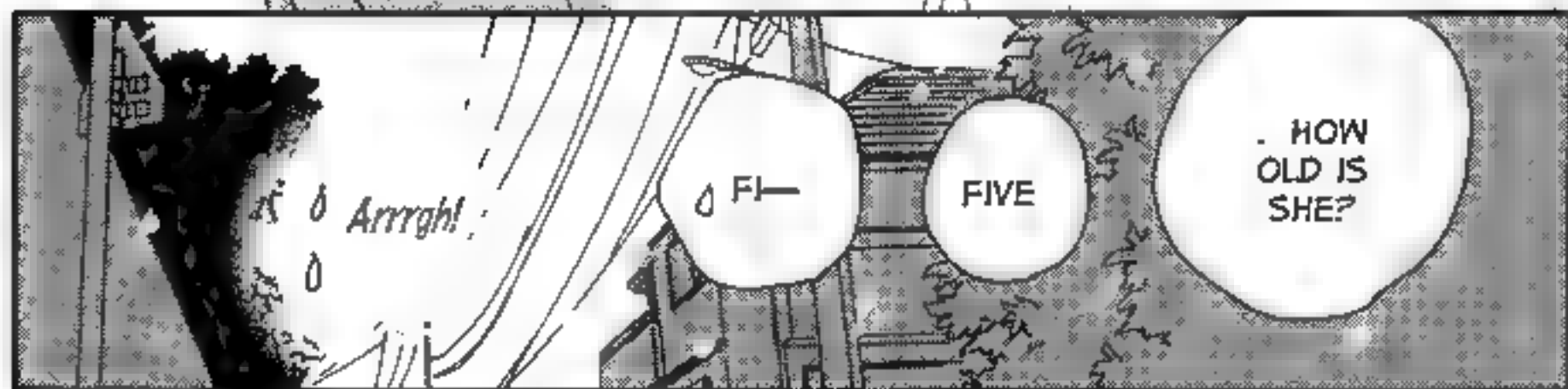
THIS WILL
REDUCE
THE SWE-
LLING.

USE THIS.

pat

*He's leaving
me alone,
not asking...*

Ah...



*NOTE TELLING HERITO,
SPEAK IN KANSA DIALECT

NAH NAH,
YA GOT IT
ALL WRONG

SAY,
"WHO"
ZAT?

KYA-
HAHA-

MICHIRU
IS MY
SISTER'S
NAME, BY
THE WAY.

WHO IS
THAT?

HEY YOU,
YOU'RE
MICHIRU-

YOU'RE
FINALLY
SMILING

NAH, I'M
JUST GLAD.

HUH?

*You-san is ...
such a cheer-
ful person.*



THA'S WHY I
CAME CHASIN'
AFTER YA

I COULDN'T
LET YOUR
CHRISTMAS
END LIKE THAT.

I'm serious,
not a host
club

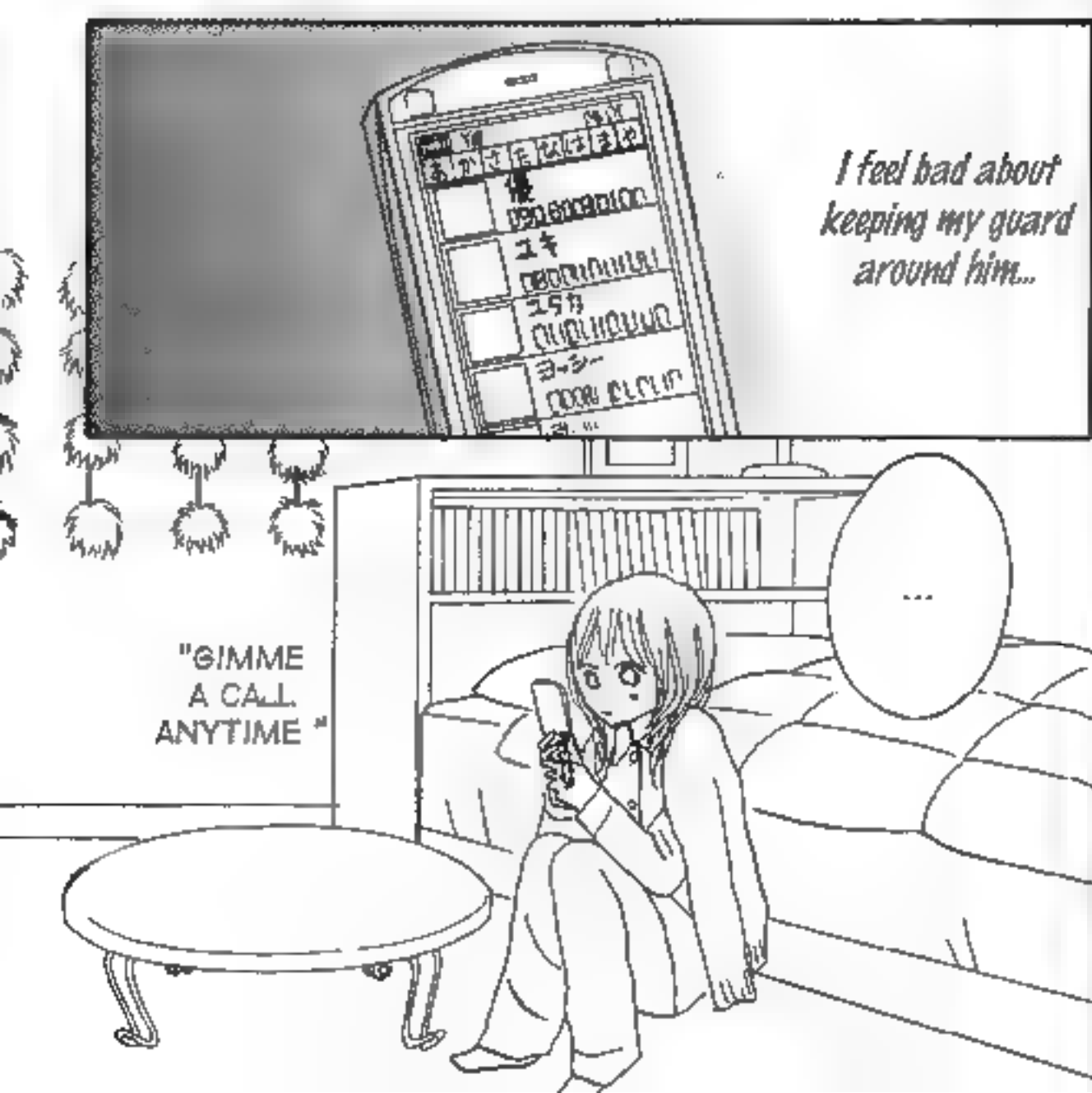
OH, AND ANOTHER
THING, THE SUIT'S
FOR MY PART-TIME
JOB AS A CRAM
SCHOOL TEACHER

I see...



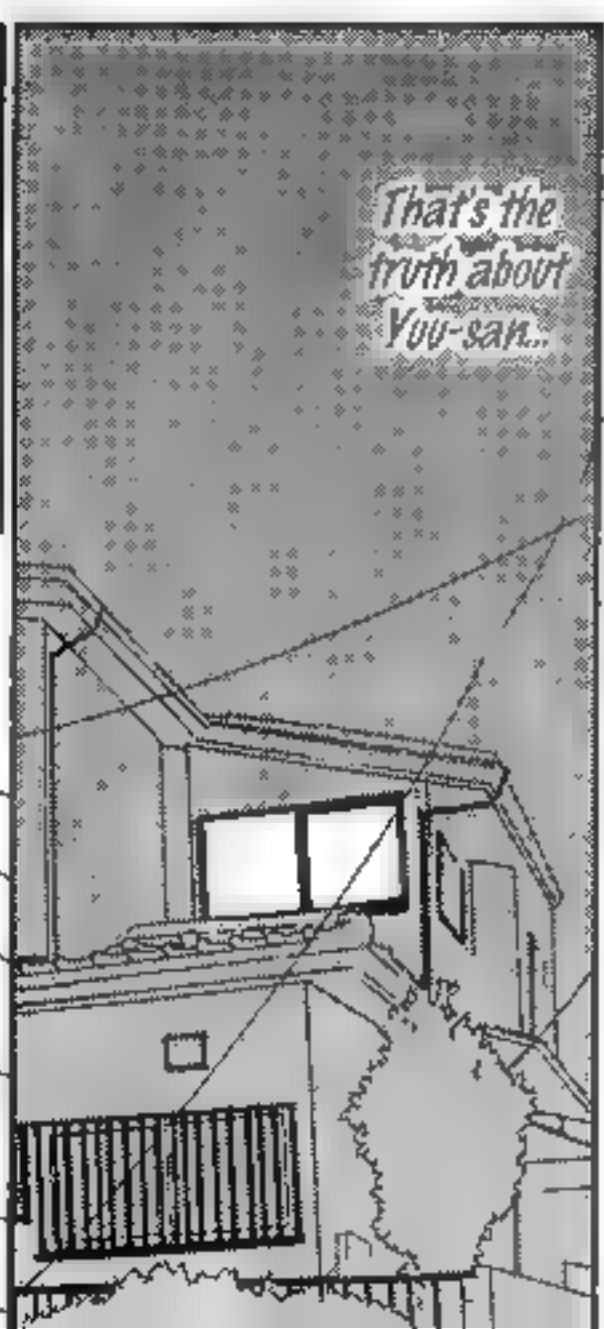
THROUGHOUT
THE PARTY,
YOU ALWAYS
KEPT YOUR
GUARD
AROUND ME,

SO I
THOUGHT
I'VE GOT TO
DO SOME-
THING.



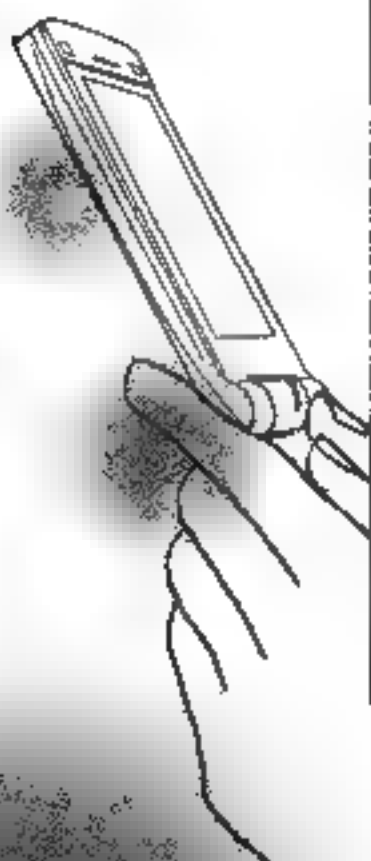
*I feel bad about
keeping my guard
around him...*

"GIMME
A CALL
ANYTIME"



*That's the
truth about
You-san...*

*Thanks,
Yuu-san...*



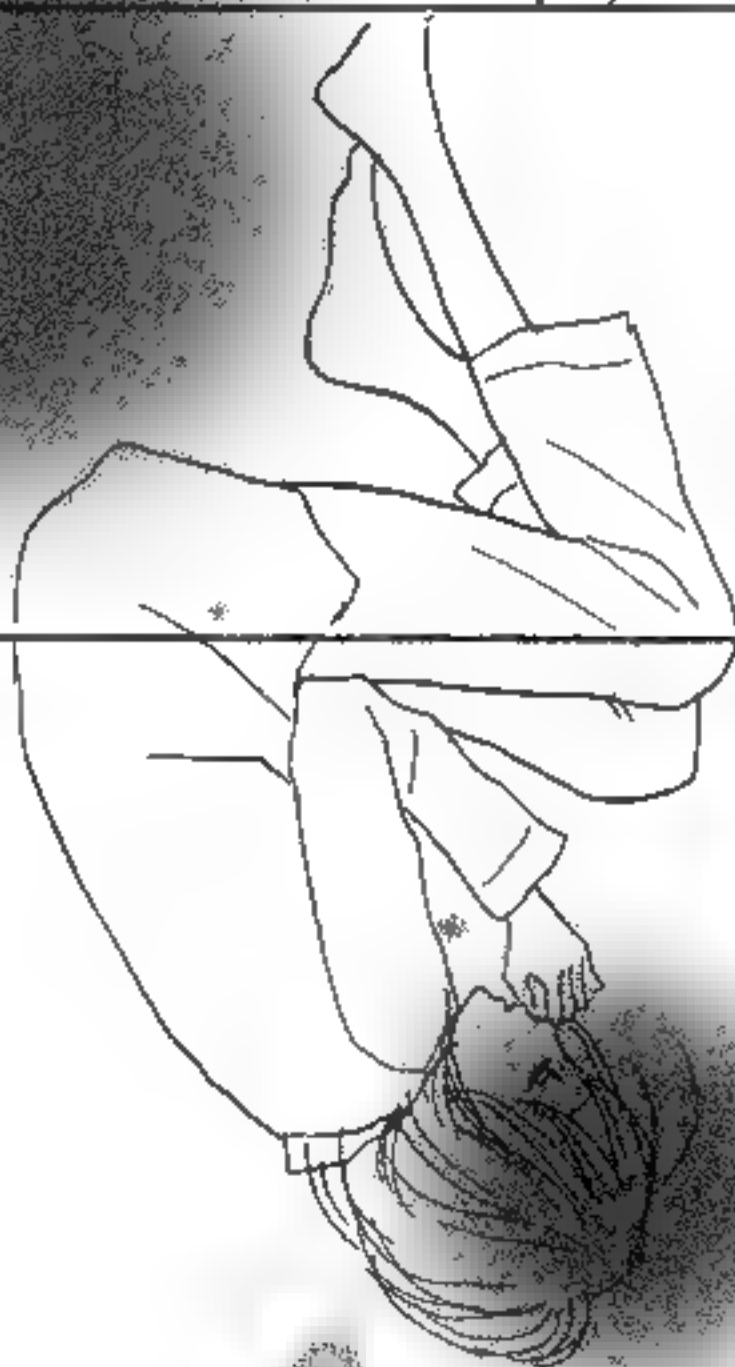
"MIKA-
CHAN"

"LET'S HANG
OUT AGAIN
SOMETIME,"



*I would have
ended up crying
over Hiro again.*

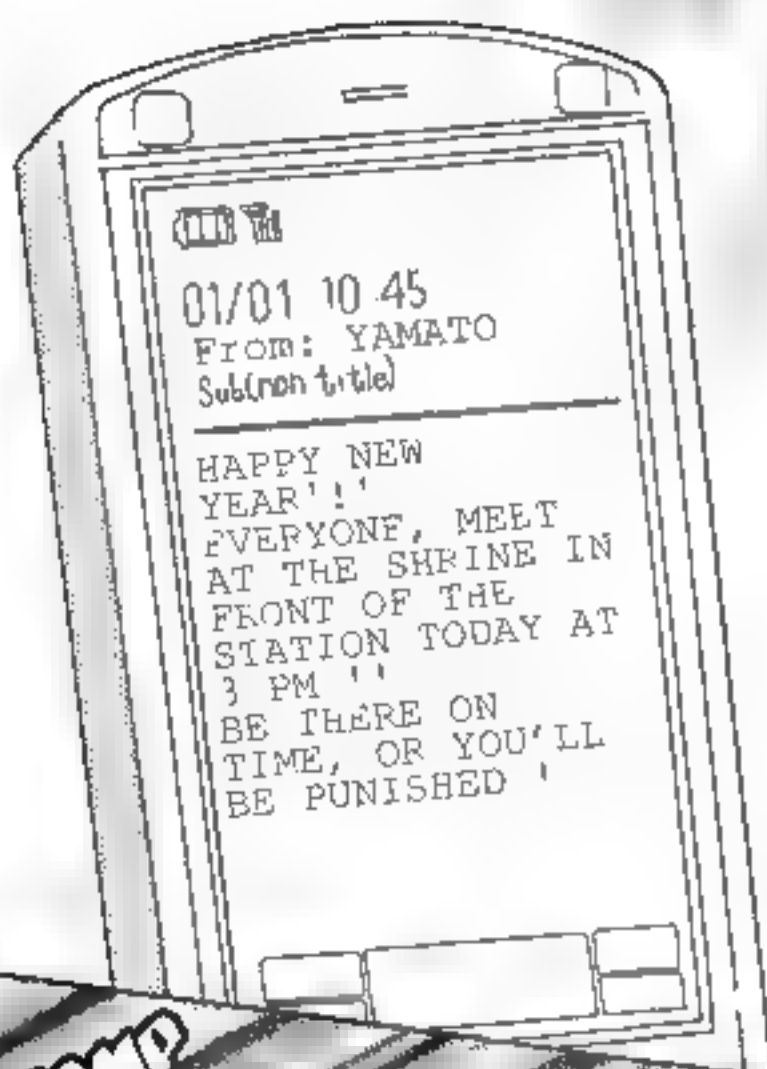
*If Yuu-san
hadn't been
there,*



*I moved on
a little bit.*

*I feel
like*

Time to
face the
new year...



STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

YOU GOT TO
TREAT US ALL
TO WHAT WE
GET AT THE
STREET
VENDORS!

WHAT
ELSE?

SO WHAT'S
MY PUNISH-
MENT?!

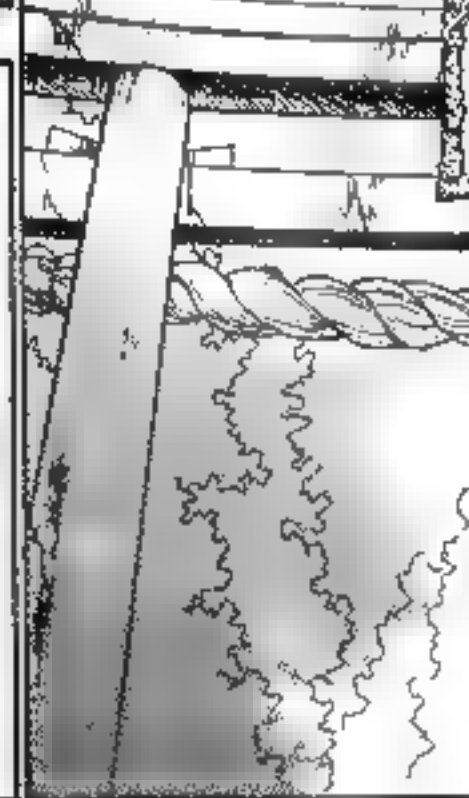
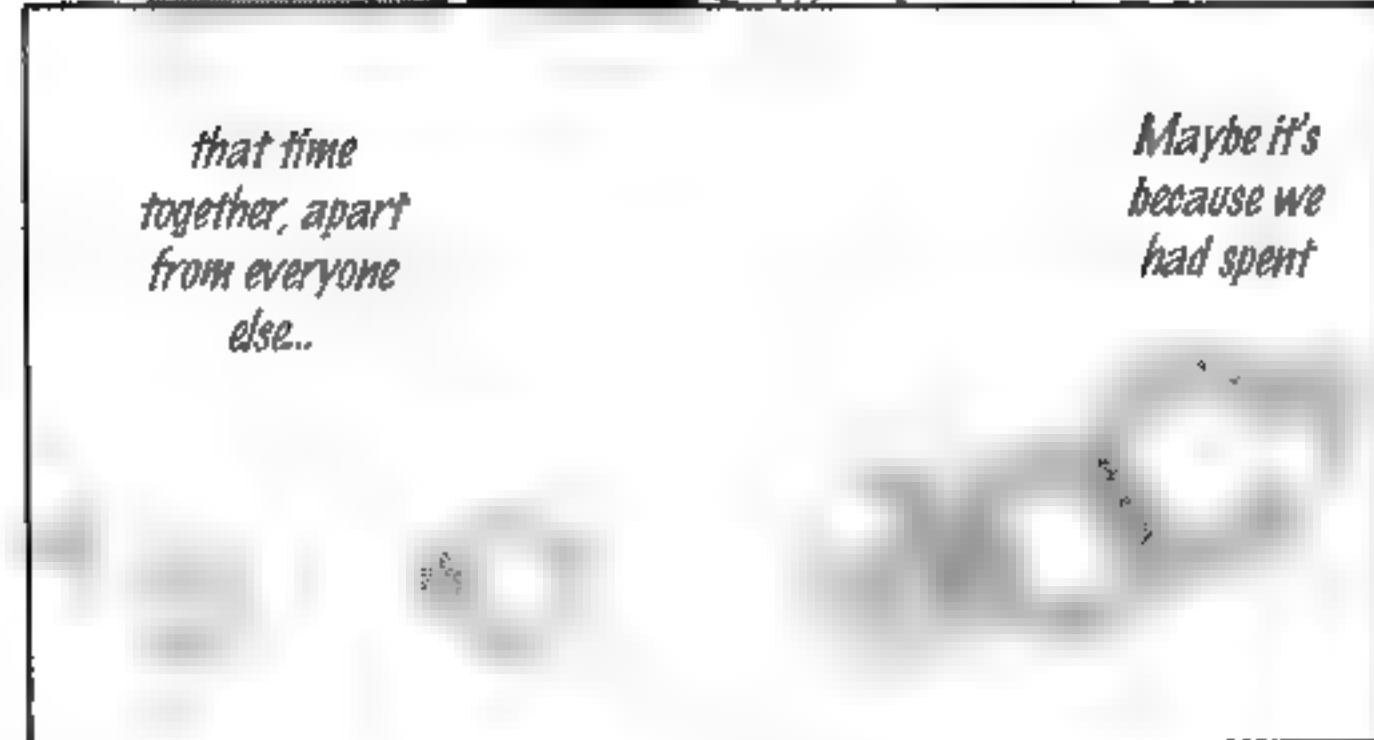
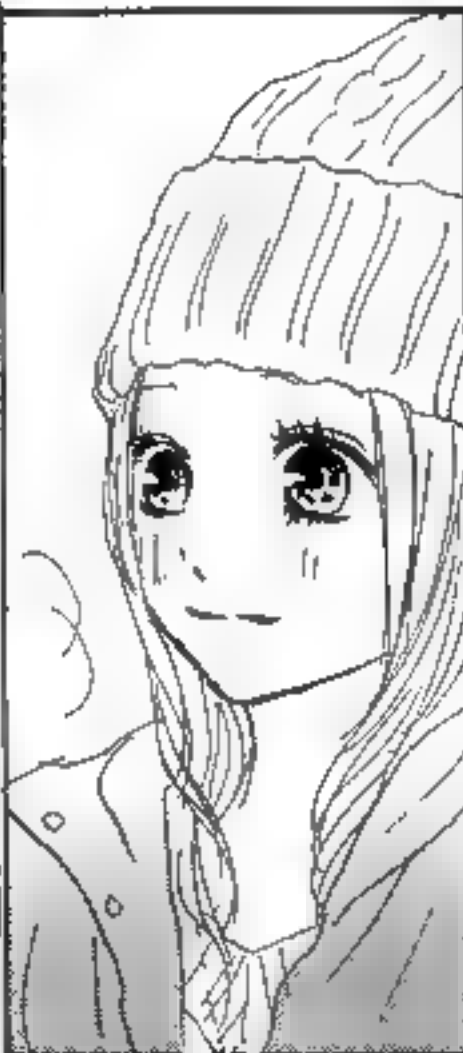
AGHHH!

YOU INVITED
ME WAY TOO
SUDDENLY,
YAMATO!

おめ

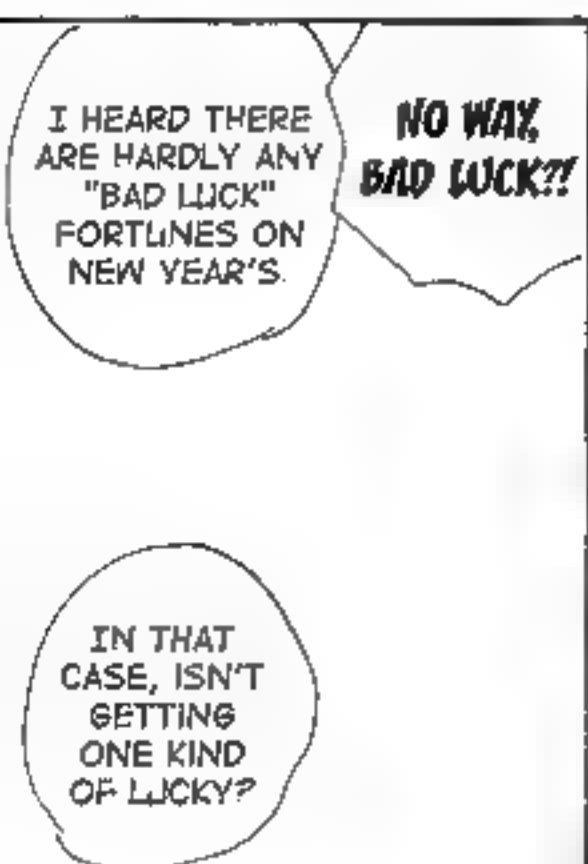
WHAA~?

ALL of my new
year's money
will be gone!





SERIOUS!





CLOSE
YOUR EYES
FOR A SEC

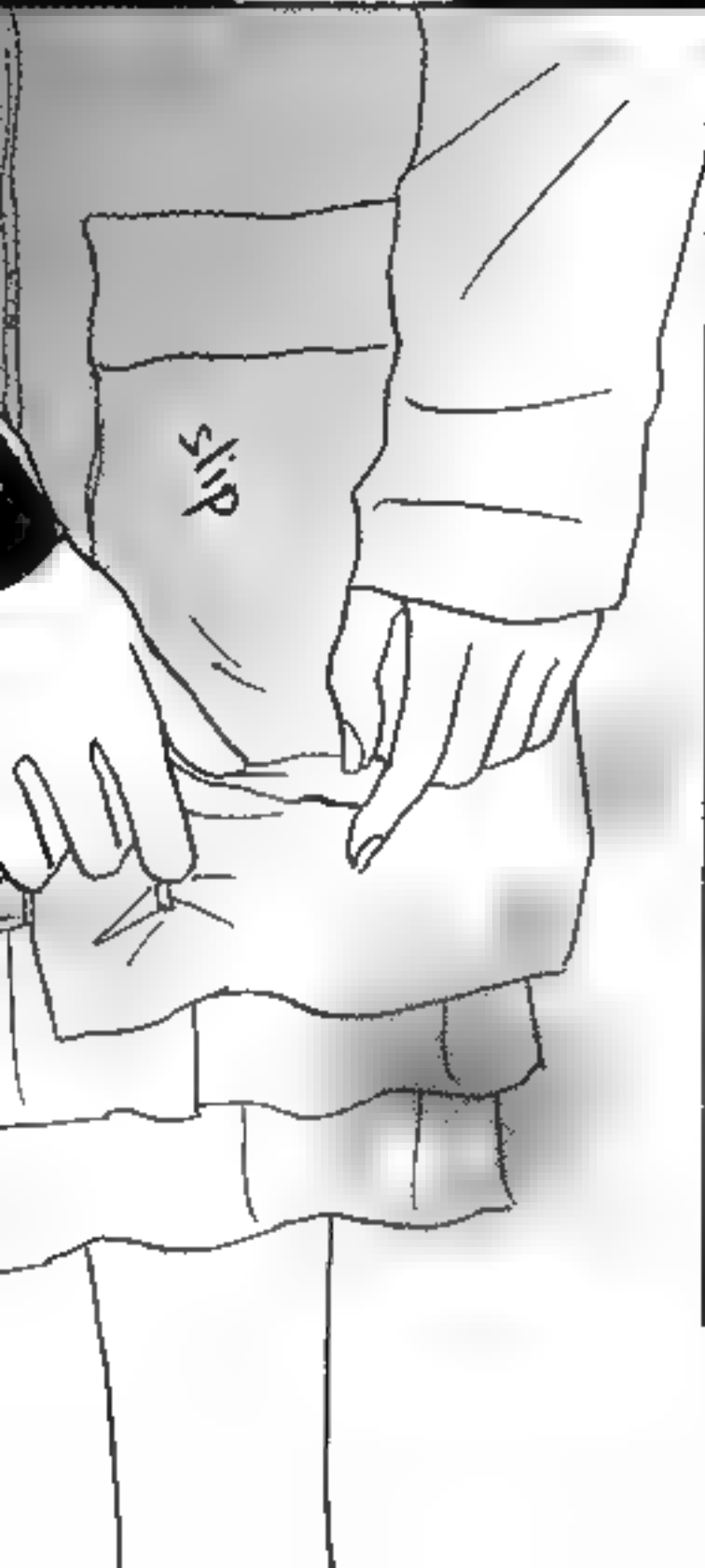


HEY,

MIKA-
CHAN,

No way~
I'm in
shock!

poke



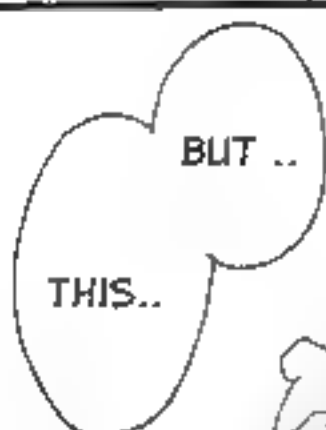
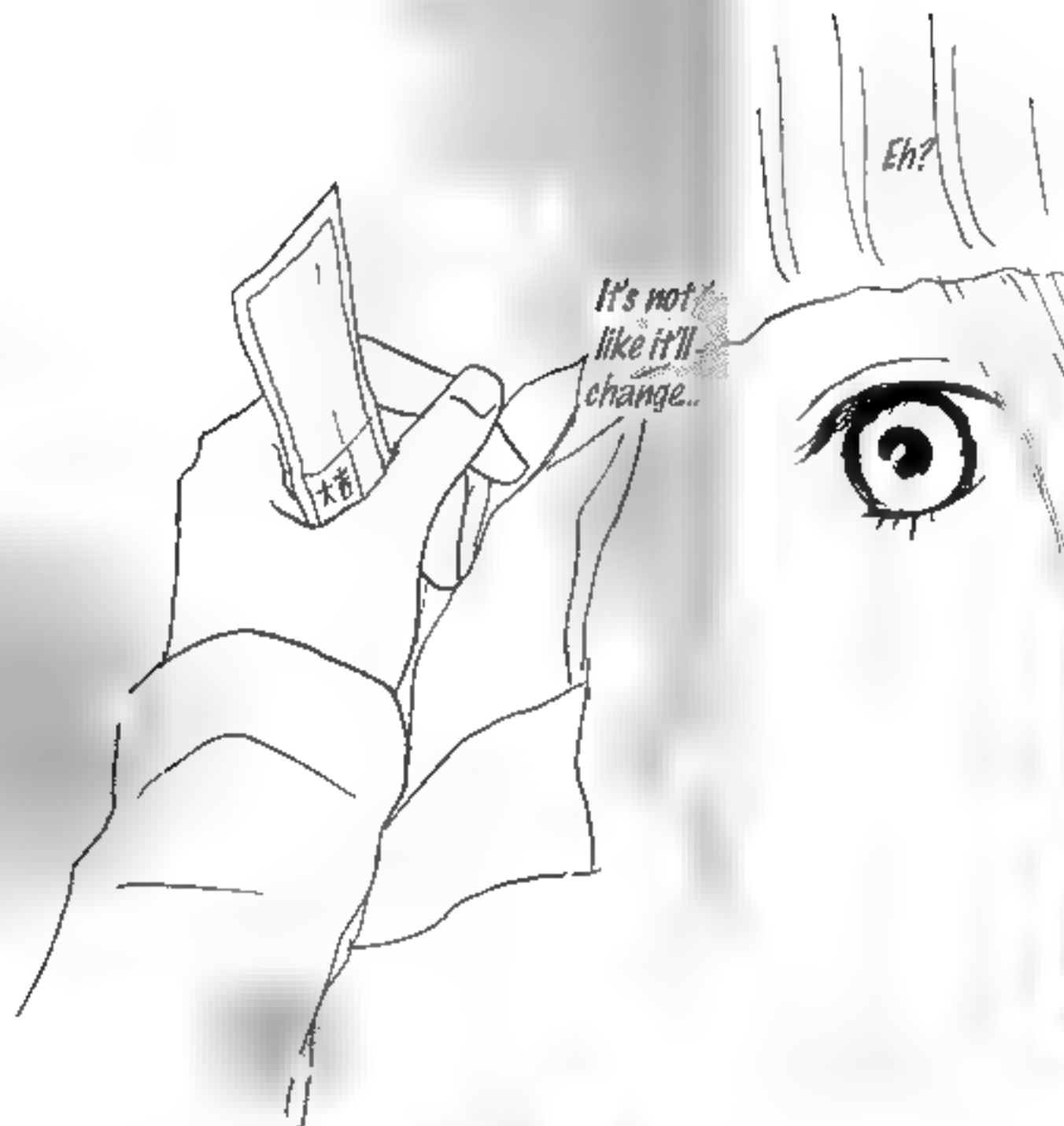
IF YOU CLOSE
'EM, SOMETHIN'
GOOD MIGHT
HAPPEN, 'K?

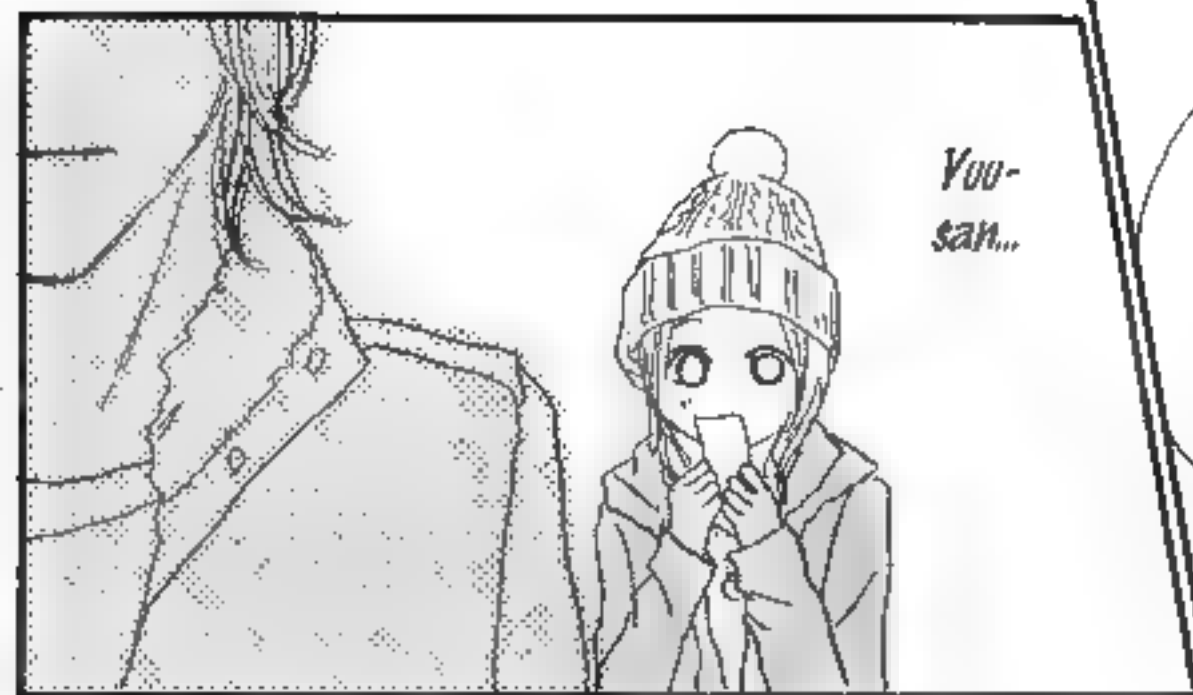
HUH?



What's Yuu-san
talking about...

?





*You-
san...*



*you'd do for
a little girl.*



*This really
is the kind
of thing*



SO,
MIKA~

warm...

*You-san
is so*

*I'm
happy.*

But...

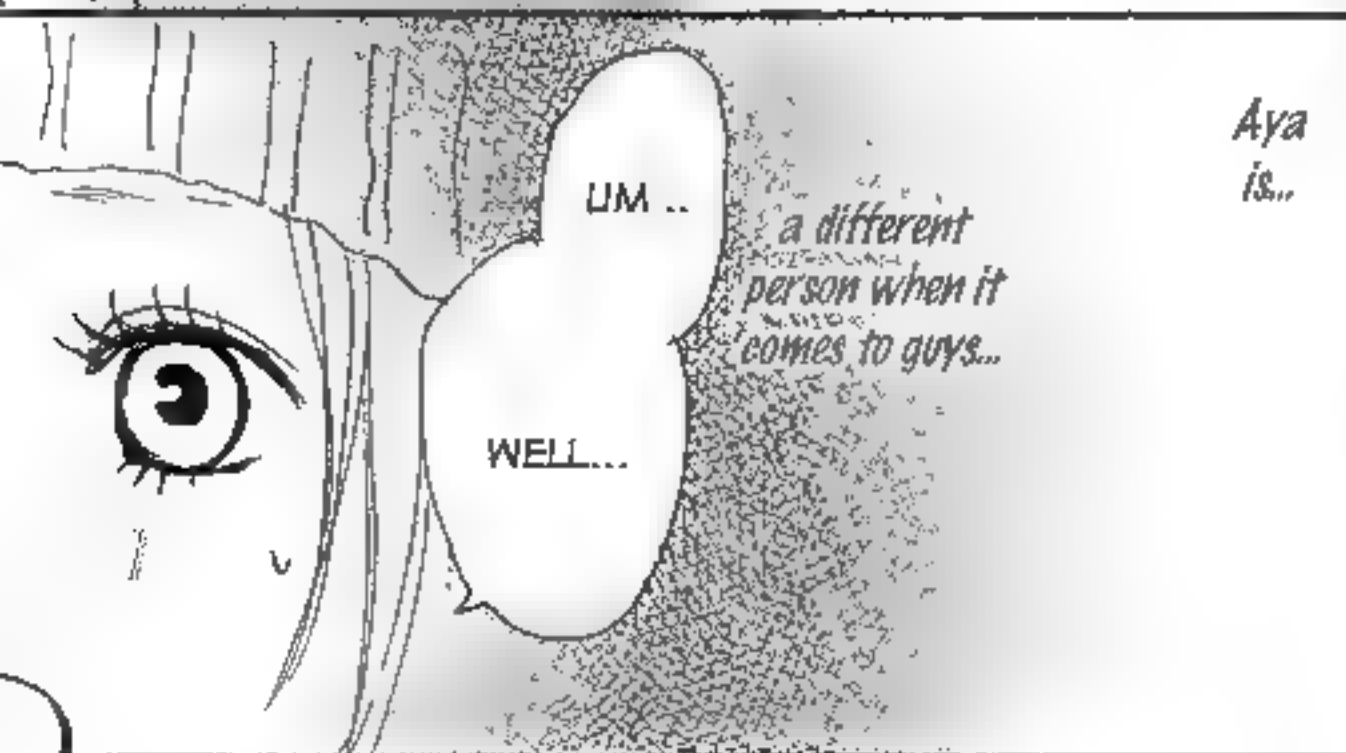




UM, CAN
I HAVE IT?

THAT
FORTUNE YOU
GOT FROM
YUU-SAN IS
PRETTY NICE.

*Huh...
Aya...*



UM ...

*a different
person when it
comes to guys...*

WELL...

*Aya
is...*

*I guess
Aya really
is after
Yuu-san.*

REALLY?
ARE YOU
OK?

I DON'T
FEEL VERY
WELL...

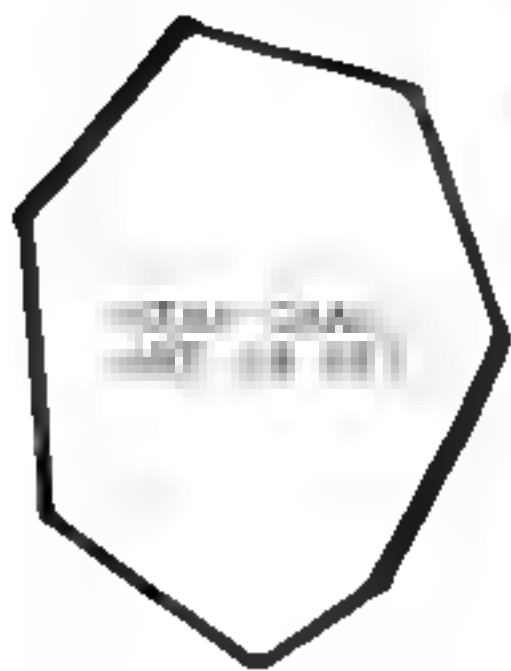
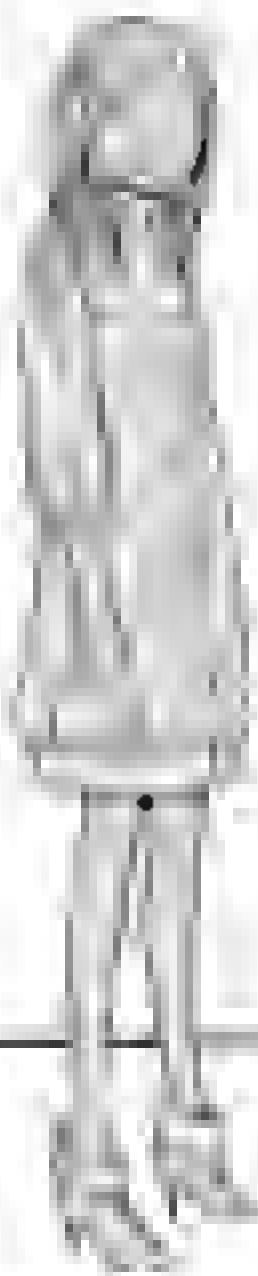
Nothing's even
happened yet
with You-san.

And maybe
he's just nice
to everyone.

2000-11

THE
S. T. M.
THE
S. T. M.

I want to
be a
happy
man.



THE
S. T. M.
THE
S. T. M.



THE
S. T. M.
THE
S. T. M.





IF THAT'S TRUE, GOOD, BUT...

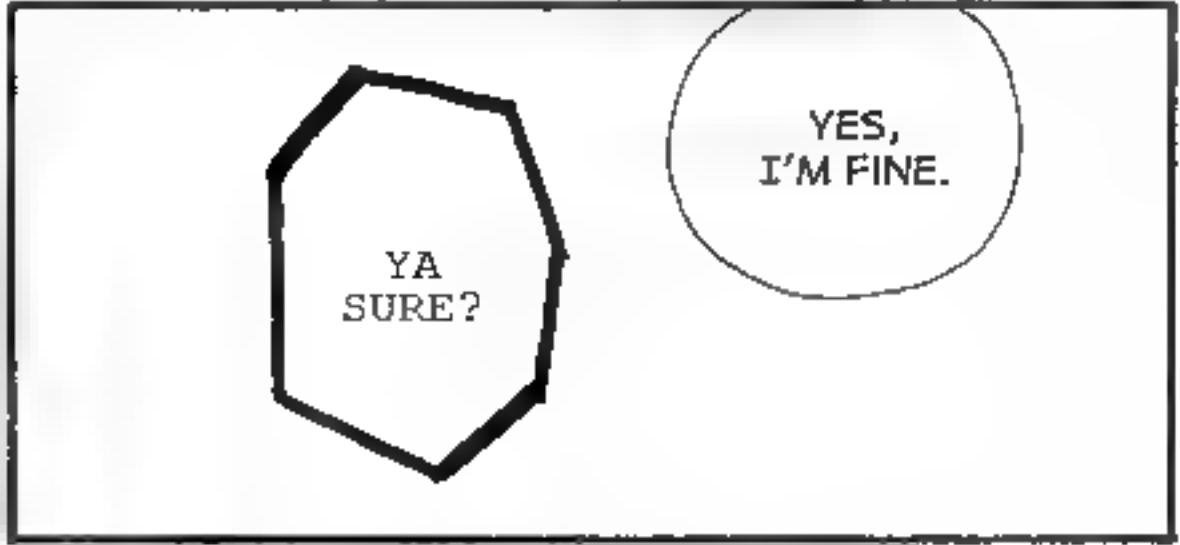
...

Yuu-san's phone call...



I HEARD YA DON'T FEEL WELL.
YOU OK?

YUU-SAN



YA SURE?

YES, I'M FINE.



CAN I COME SEE YA FOR A BIT?

MIKA CHAN,



I feel ... a little relieved...



THAT TIME
AT CHRISTMAS
YA WEREN'T
FEELING GOOD,
EITHER,

SO I
WAS A LIL'
WORRIED.

WELL, I'M
GLAD YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT

What...



*even
with Aya
liking him...?*

*Is this
OK...*



*I'm riding
in his car...*

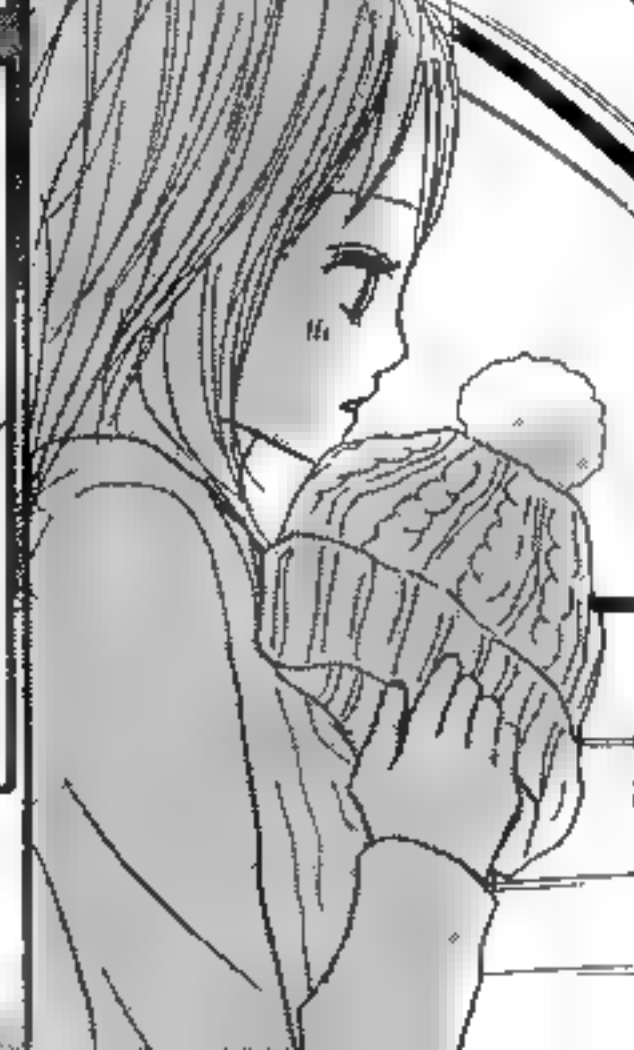
I'M ..
I'M
SORRY.



I FEEL LIKE
I FORCED
YA TO COME
WITH ME.

HUH?

I'M
SORRY.





I CAN TRUST YOU, YUU-SAN

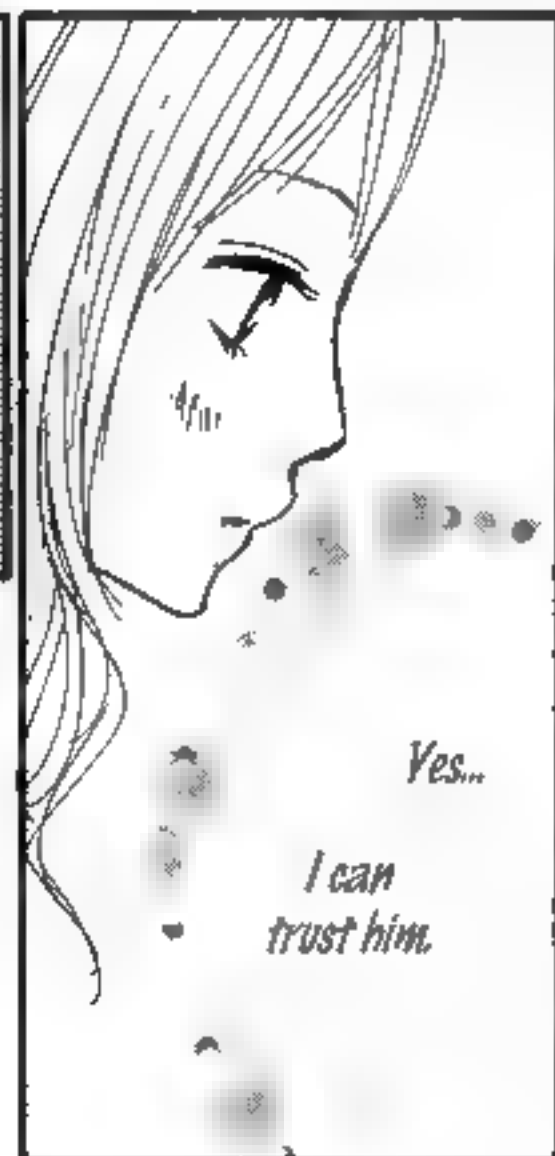


That's why I got in...




WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

WELL, JUST BEAR WITH ME A LITTLE LONGER.



I can trust him.



*You-san
drove me*

*through
streets I've
never seen.*

ALMOST
WHERE?

IT'S A
SECRET. ♪

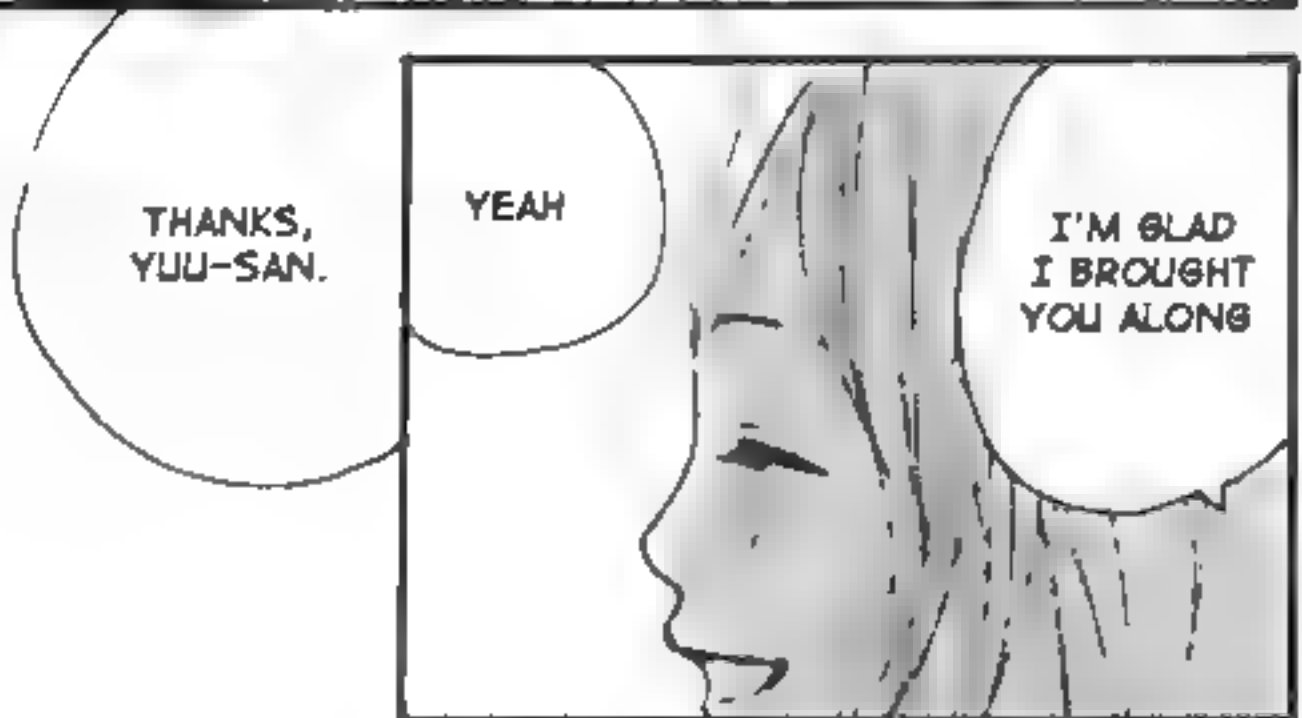
WHAAT
—?

*Under the soft
light of the
streetlamps,*

*Farther and
farther...*



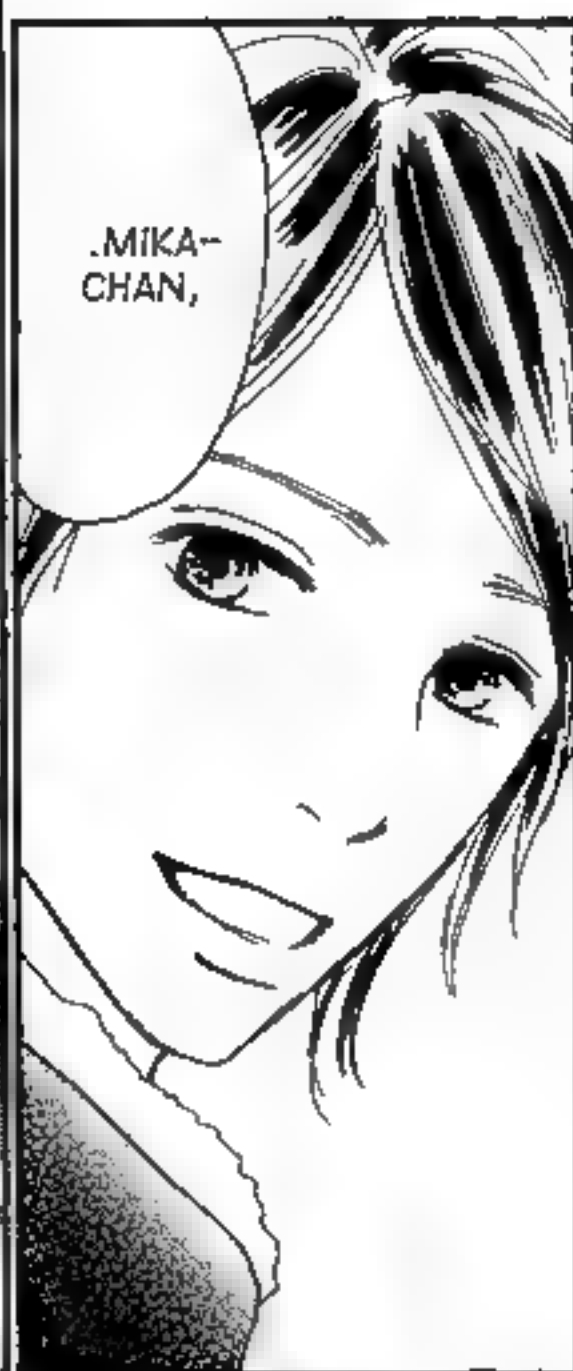
*He brought
me to such a
beautiful place*





WHEN
YOU SMILE
LIKE THAT.

IT'S SO
MUCH
BETTER



.MIKA-
CHAN,

*I'm so
happy—*



IF THERE'S EVER
ANYTHING I CAN
HELP YA WITH,
JUST TELL ME.



SO

Eh...

*the time I
was crying at
Christmas...?*

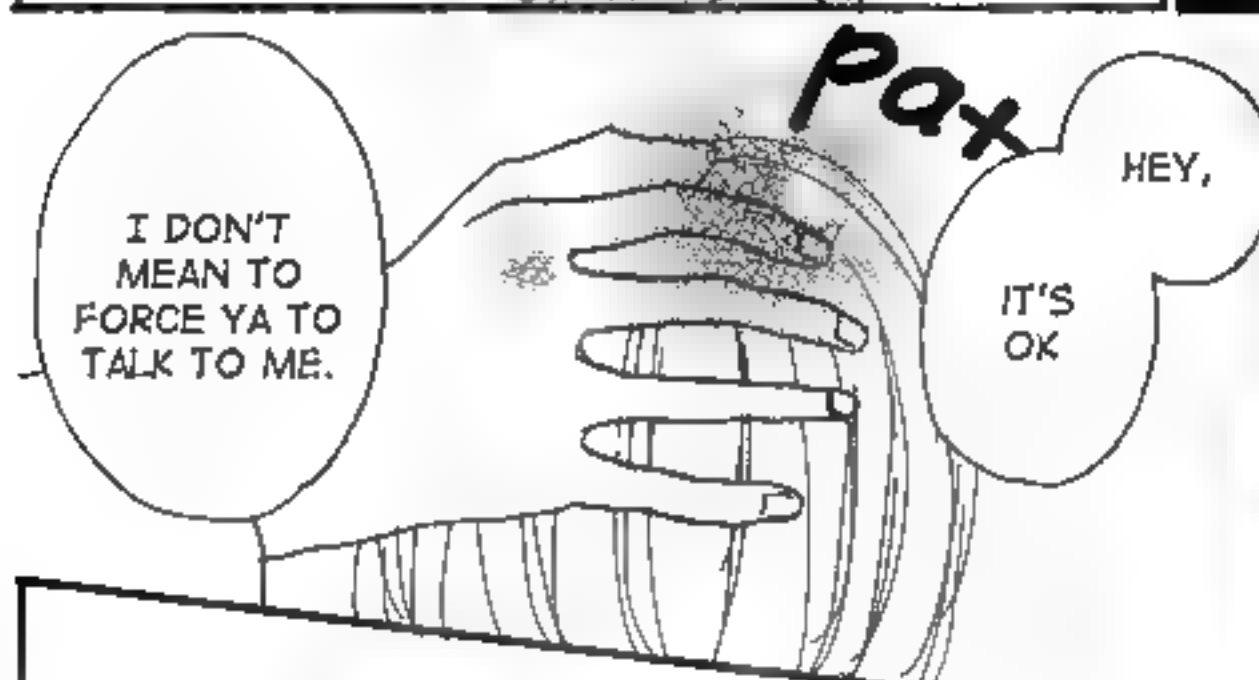
*Is he worried
because he
knows about*

*Yuu-
san...*

IF YA TALK
WITH ME, IT
MIGHT BE
SURPRISINGLY
REFRESHING.



*And about
today...?*



I DON'T
MEAN TO
FORCE YA TO
TALK TO ME.

HEY,

IT'S
OK



*But... it would
just trouble
him if I con-
fided in him...*



I GUESS I'M
JUST REALLY
MEDDLING

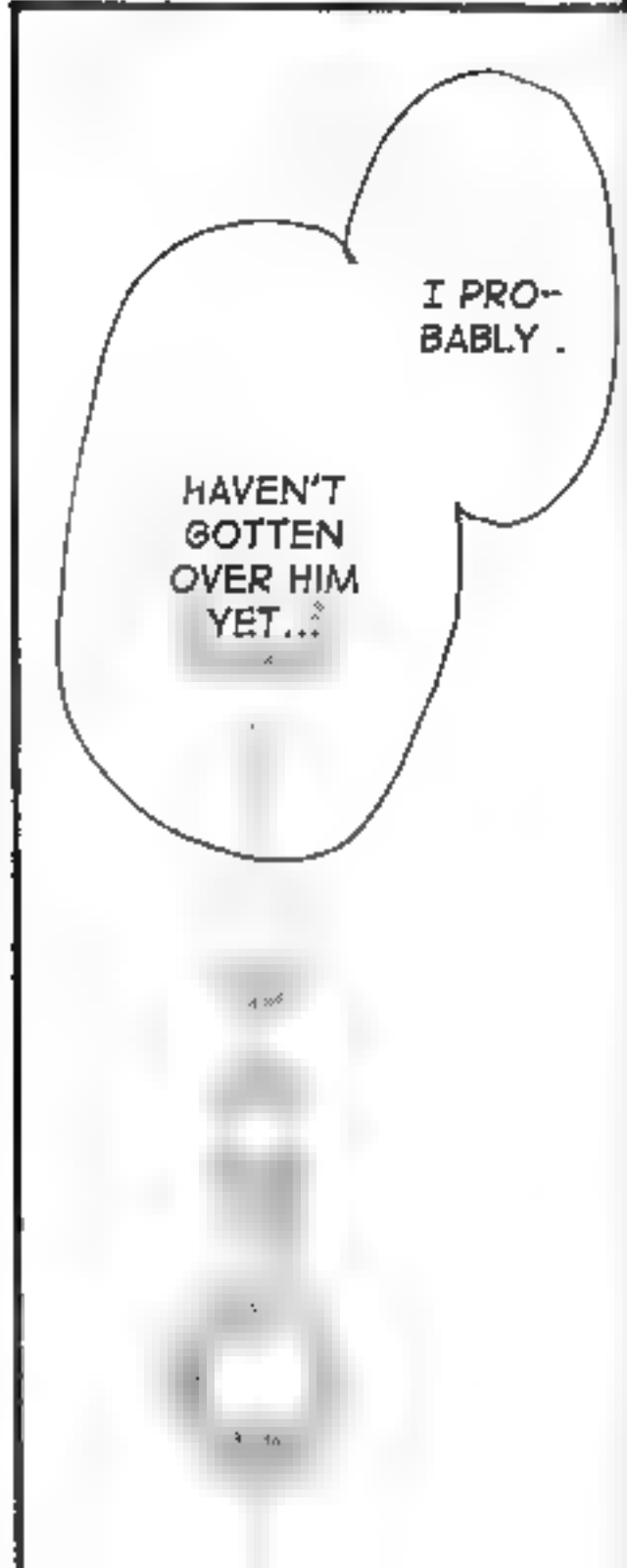
LOTSA
PEOPLE
HATE ME
FOR IT.



...MY
EX-BOY-
FRIEND...

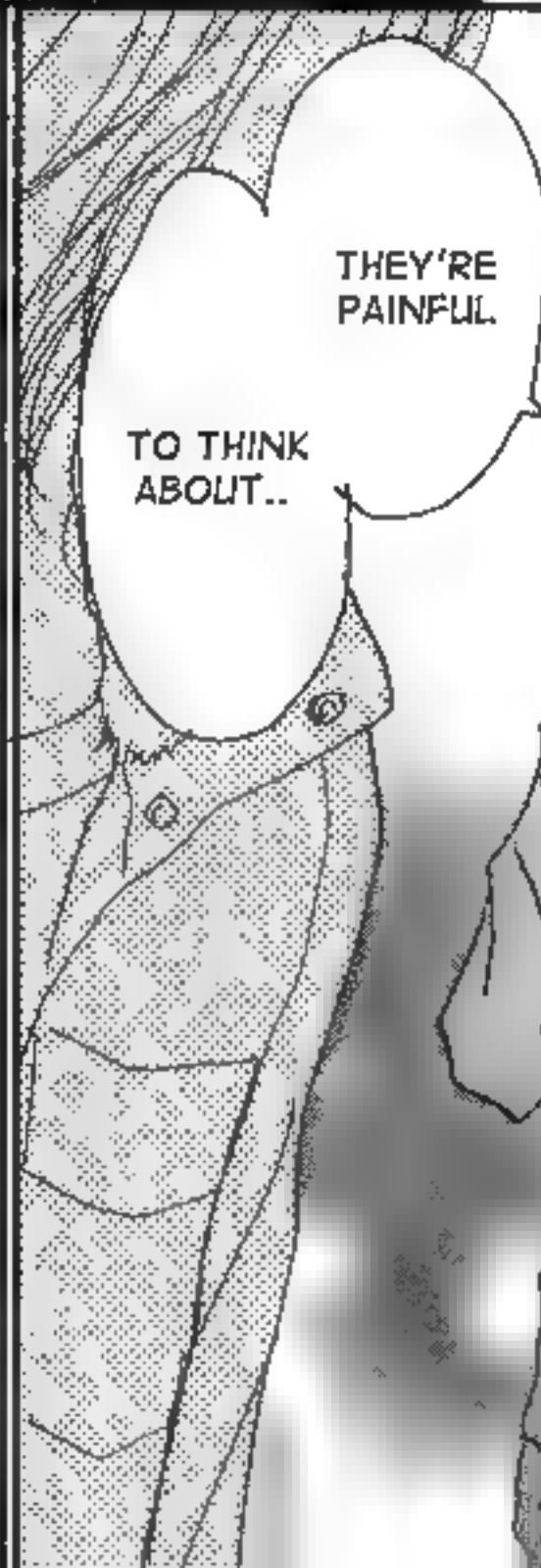
MAN,
IT'S
COLD.

LET'S
GO BACK
TO THE
CAR.



I PRO-
BABLY .

HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
OVER HIM
YET...



THEY'RE
PAINFUL.

TO THINK
ABOUT..



I HAVE
TOO MANY
MEMORIES
OF HIM.



*made
my heart
feel soft.*



I SEE.

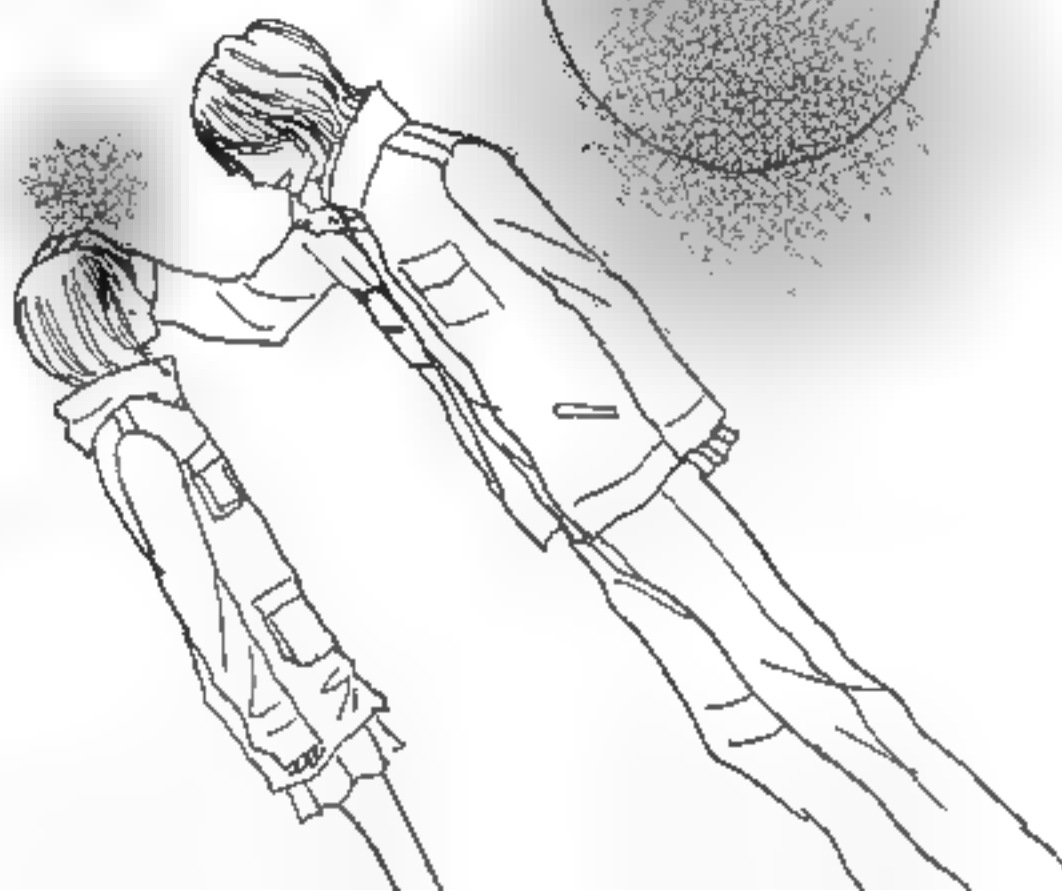
*Yuu-san's
words*

JUST FOR-
GET ABOUT
HIM

BUT I
KNOW I
NEED TO



THANKS FOR
TELLING ME



YOU'RE STILL
THINKING ABOUT
IT, RIGHT?

I, MEAN,
AS LONG
AS YOU'RE
TRYING TO
FORGET.

*Yuu-san's
smile*
*makes me
able to be
honest...*

I DON'T THINK
YOU HAVE TO
FORCE YOURSELF
TO FORGET HIM.

IT'S THANKS
TO HIM THAT
YOU ARE WHO
YOU ARE TODAY.

YOU SHOULD
BE GRATEFUL
IT HAPPENED

SO
INSTEAD
OF FOR-
GETTING,

Yes...

*That's
exactly it...*

RIGHT?

THOSE ARE
TREASURED
MEMORIES
FOR YOU,
RIGHT?

*all I do is
remember*

*Every time I
try to forget*

*It's just as
You-san said...*

*Those are
such warm
words...*

"YOU SHOULD
BE GRATEFUL
IT HAPPENED"



LET'S
GET OUTTA
HERE...

spin
spin



I'M REALLY
FREEZING

WELL
THEN,

*I feel so re-
lieved for
some reason.*

jingle



FLING



AHH!!!

CRAP, I
DROPPED MY
KEYS AGAIN~

WHAT—

YOU'RE
TOTALLY
RIGHT.

SO IT'S TRUE
THAT YOU
HAVE A HABIT
OF SPINNING
THE KEYS..

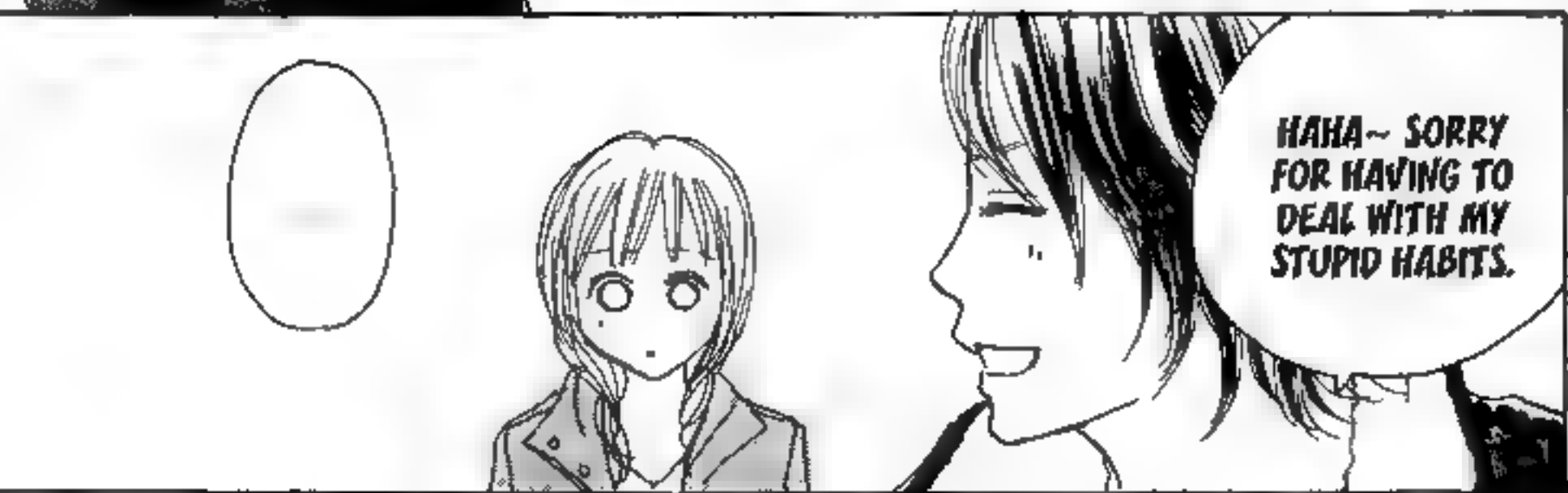
gugugugugu

I DO IT
WHEN I'M
NERVOUS.

Nervous...?

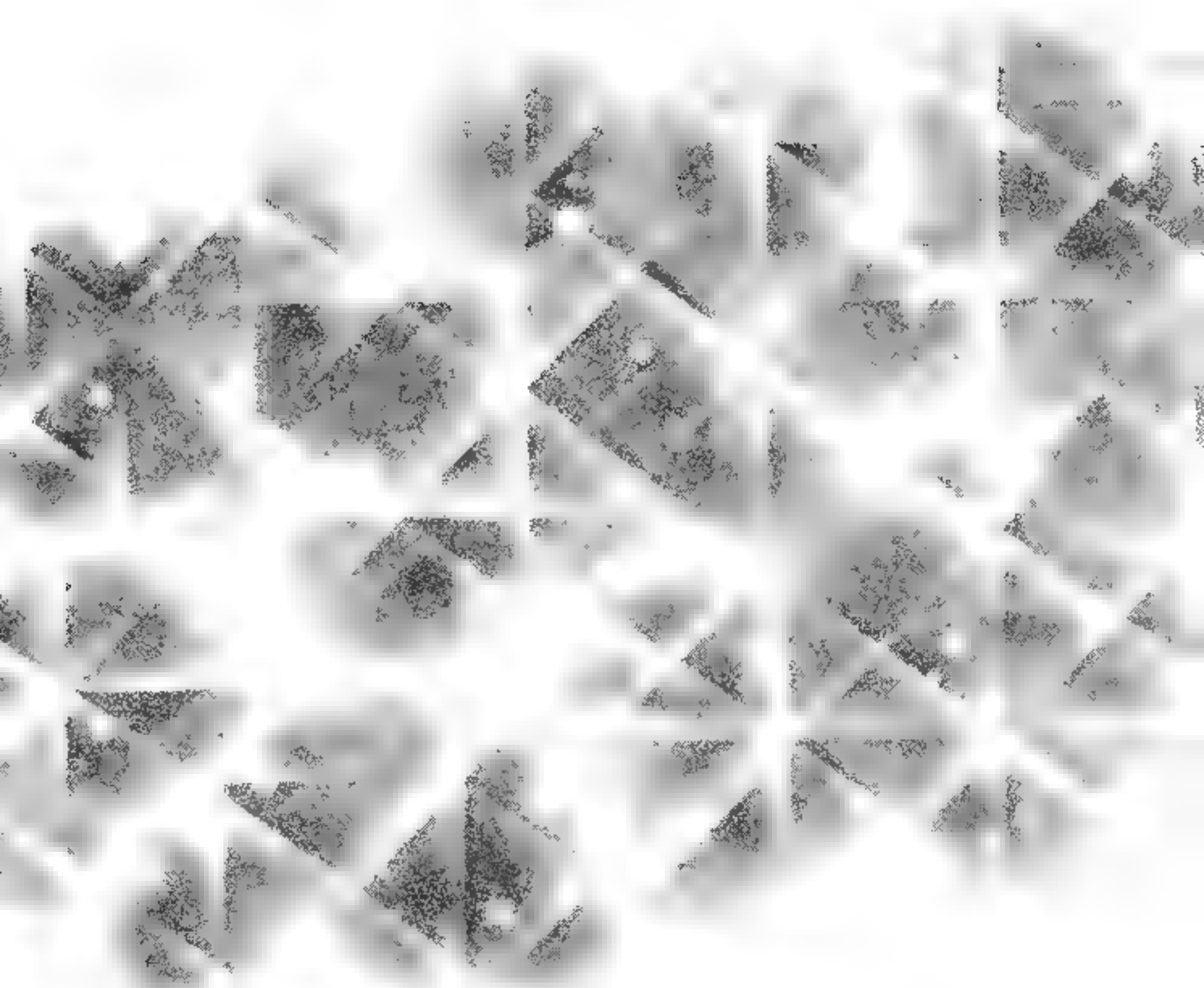
*Maybe we'll have
to call the
Japan Auto-
mobile Federation*

...Eh?



*I'm slowly
beginning to
understand*

*the
reason it
hurts...*







Stop. stalking us...! XP

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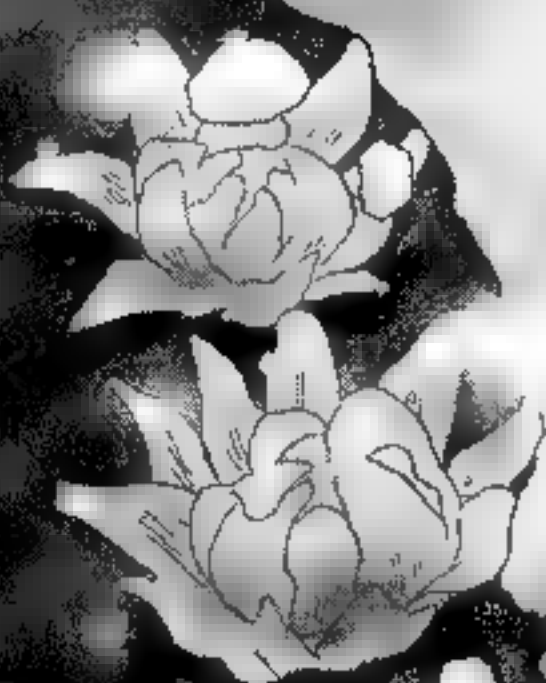
QC: ADRIFF

finally, a ray of sunshine in this sad, sad story.

- Adrift

*Once
again,*

*a new
season has
arrived*



*As the seasons
change around
me, I'm...*





K o i e t o r a

Love Sky

Sad Love Story

#15



Part three: "Love Hesitation"

I DECIDED
TO GO FOR
KEN-CHAN!

MIKA!

OH..

...



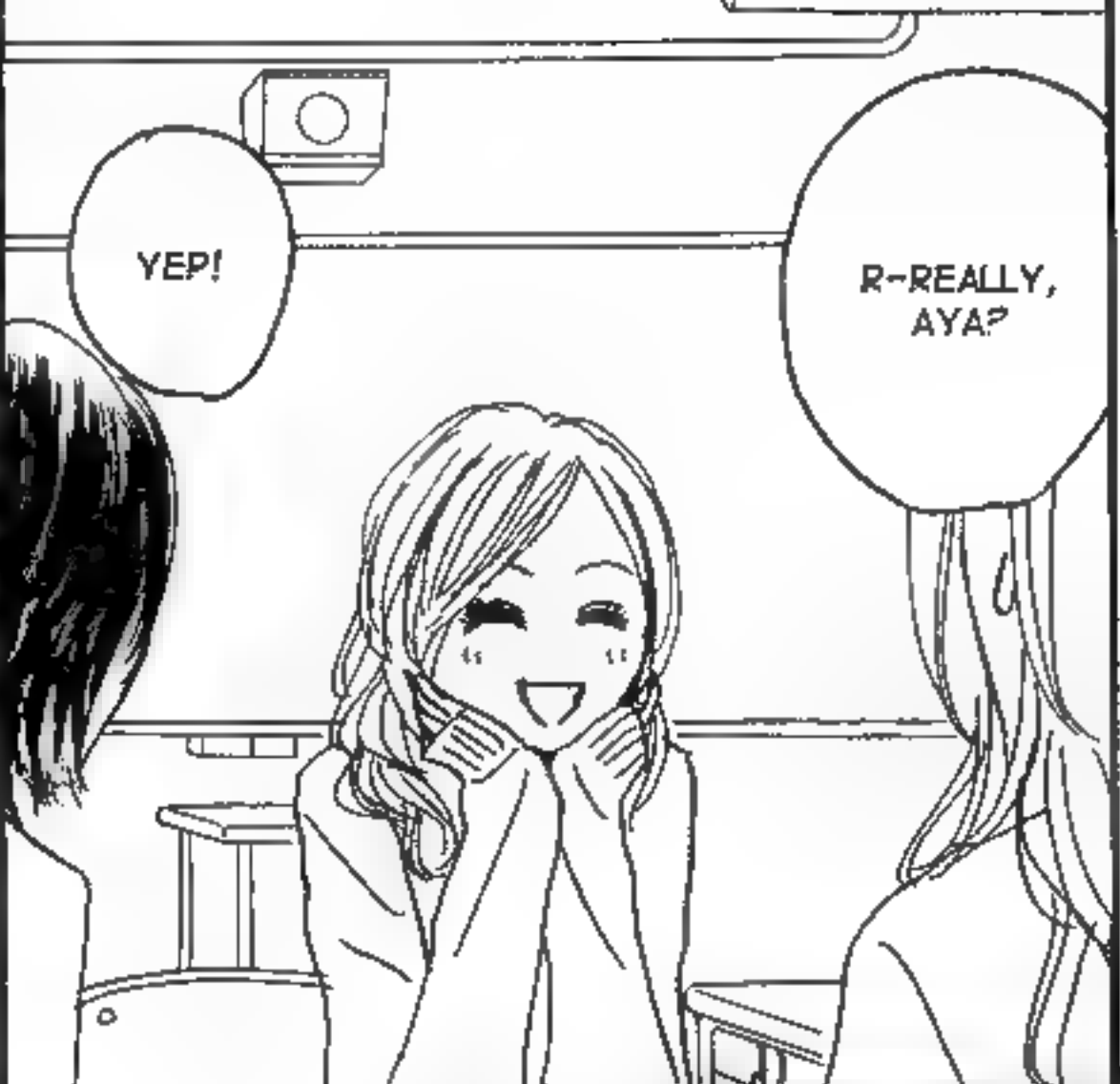


WELL, I INTENDED TO GO FOR YUI-SAN AT FIRST, AND I WORKED AT IT,

HUH?

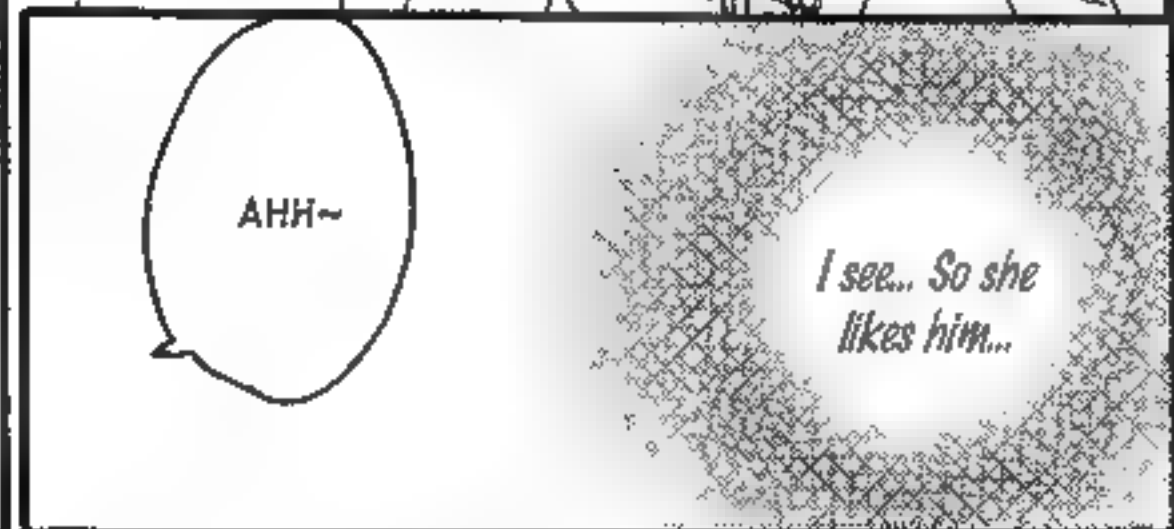
YOU MUST BE RELIEVED~

THUMP



YEP!

R-REALLY, AYA?



AHH~

I see... So she likes him...

he's been so nice to me.



Ever since I met him at last year's Christmas party,

YOU EVEN WENT ON A DRIVE TOGETHER.

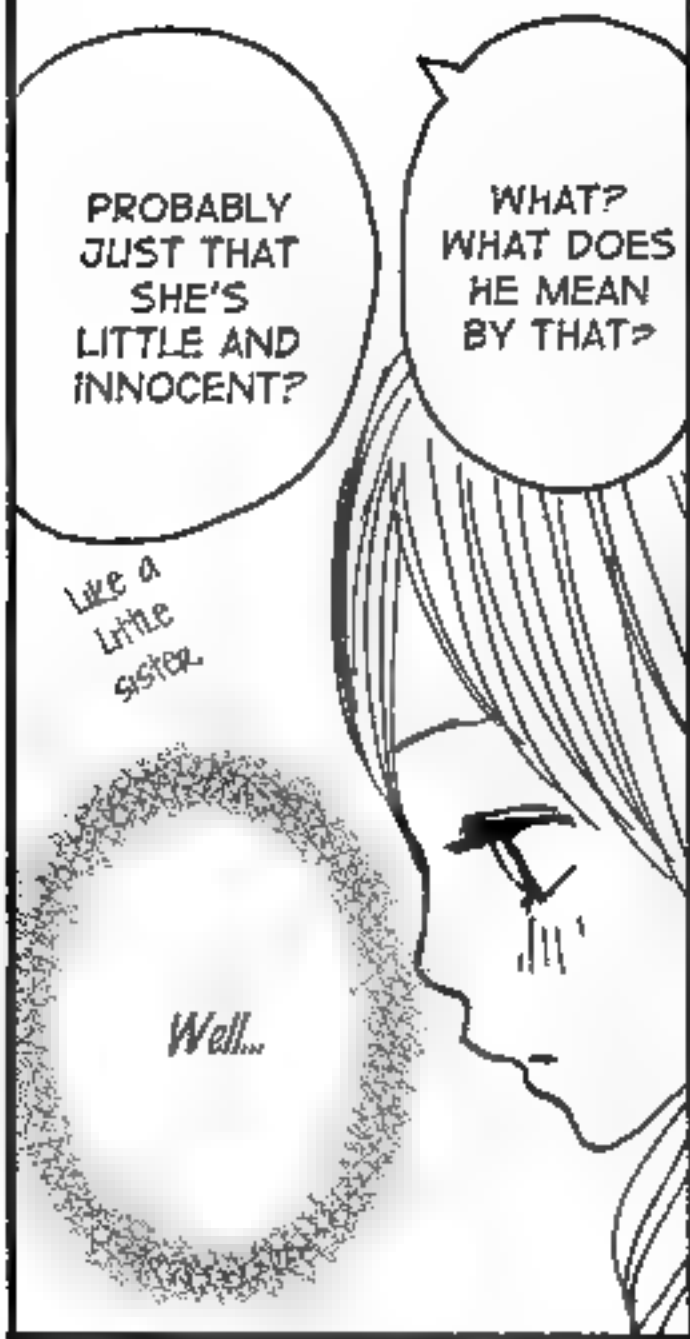
BUT THE TWO OF YOU ARE SO LOVEY-DOVEY,

You-san...

BUT. THAT WAS.

IT'S NOT .. NOT LIKE THAT.

But...



PROBABLY
JUST THAT
SHE'S
LITTLE AND
INNOCENT?

WHAT?
WHAT DOES
HE MEAN
BY THAT?

*Like a
little
sister.*

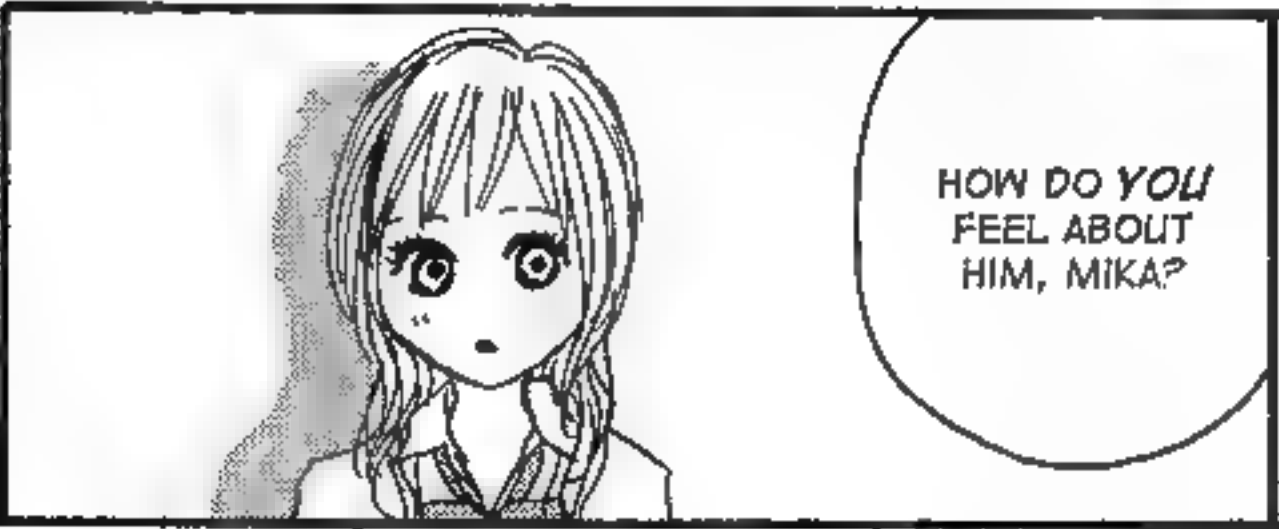
Well...



PLUS, I
HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
LATELY...

He said I
look like
his five-
year-old
sister.

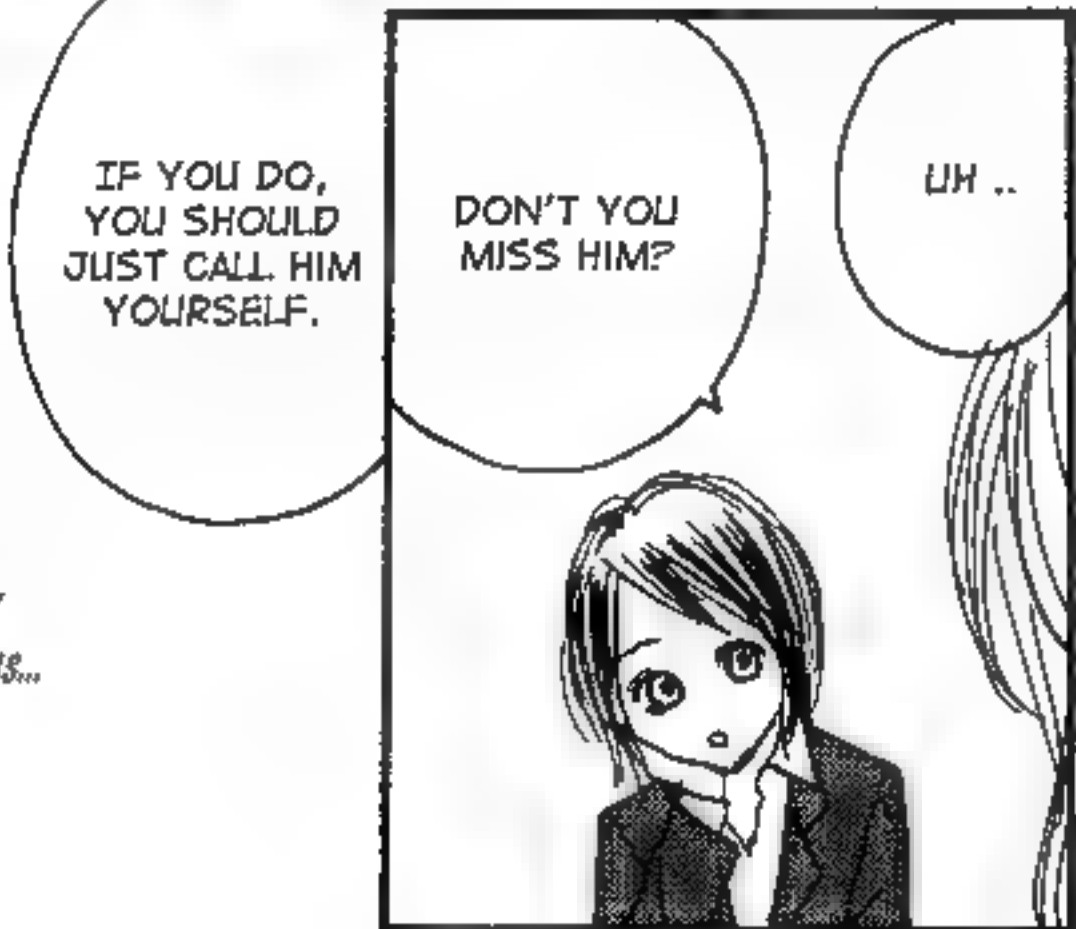
YUU-SAN
JUST... THINKS
OF ME LIKE A
LITTLE SISTER.



HOW DO YOU
FEEL ABOUT
HIM, MIKA?

*Whether I
should trust
You-san's
kindness...*

*I can't
tell yet...*



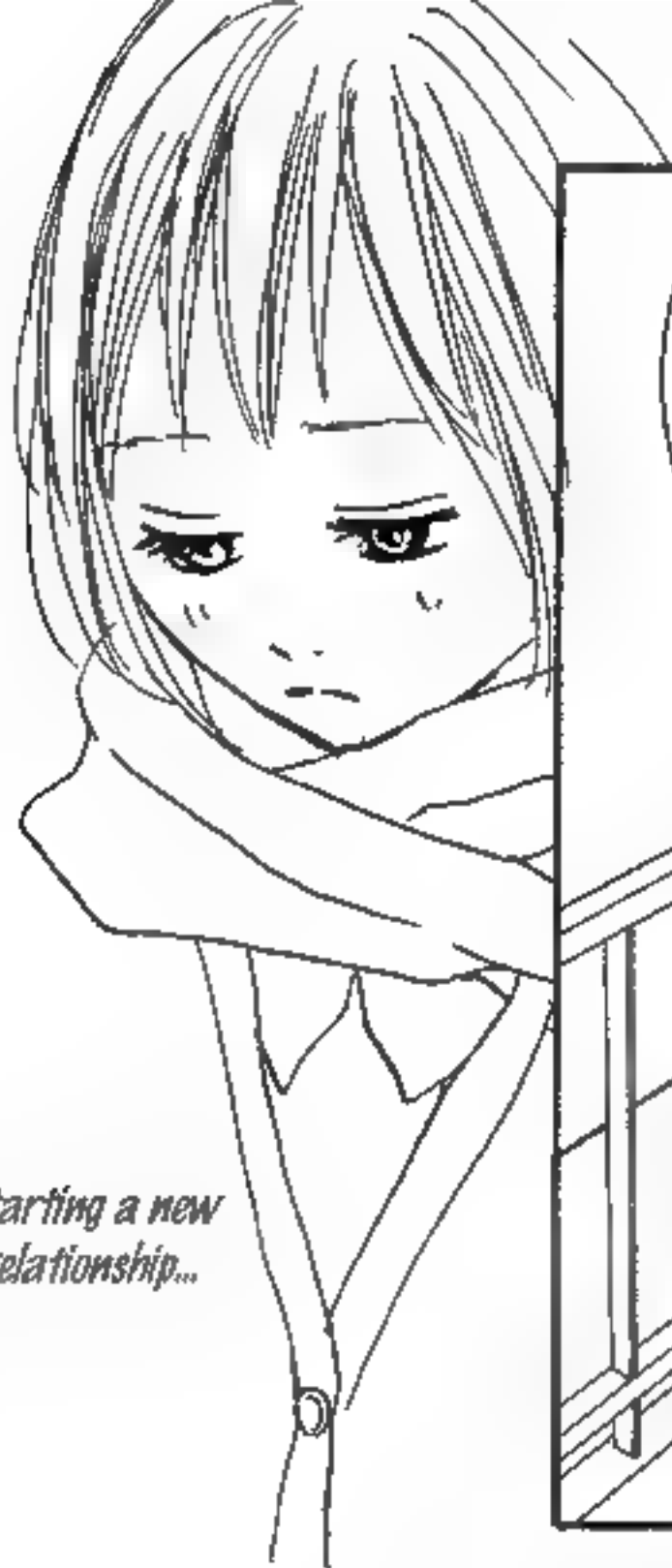
IF YOU DO,
YOU SHOULD
JUST CALL HIM
YOURSELF.

DON'T YOU
MISS HIM?

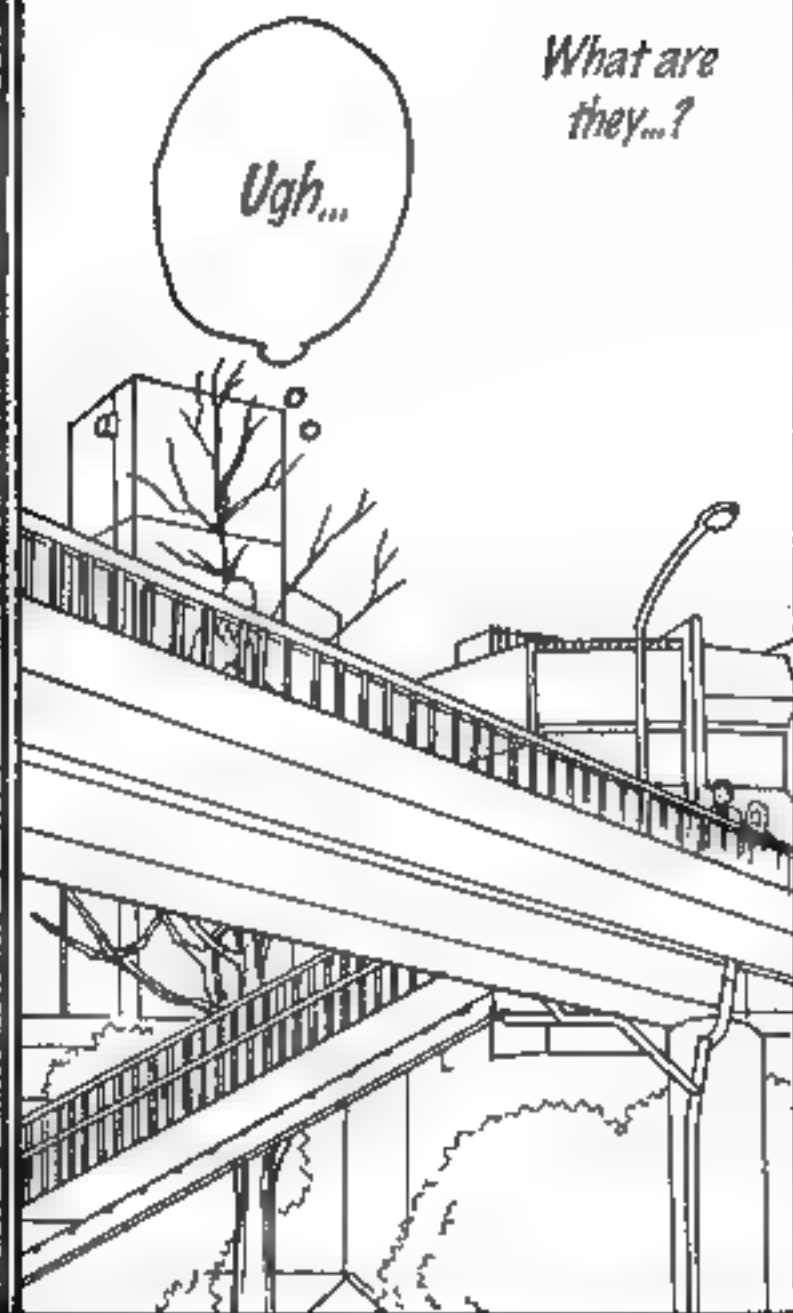
UH ..

*My
feelings...*

HMM.
ALL RIGHT
THEN—



Everyone's trying
to get me and
You-san together.



What are
they...?

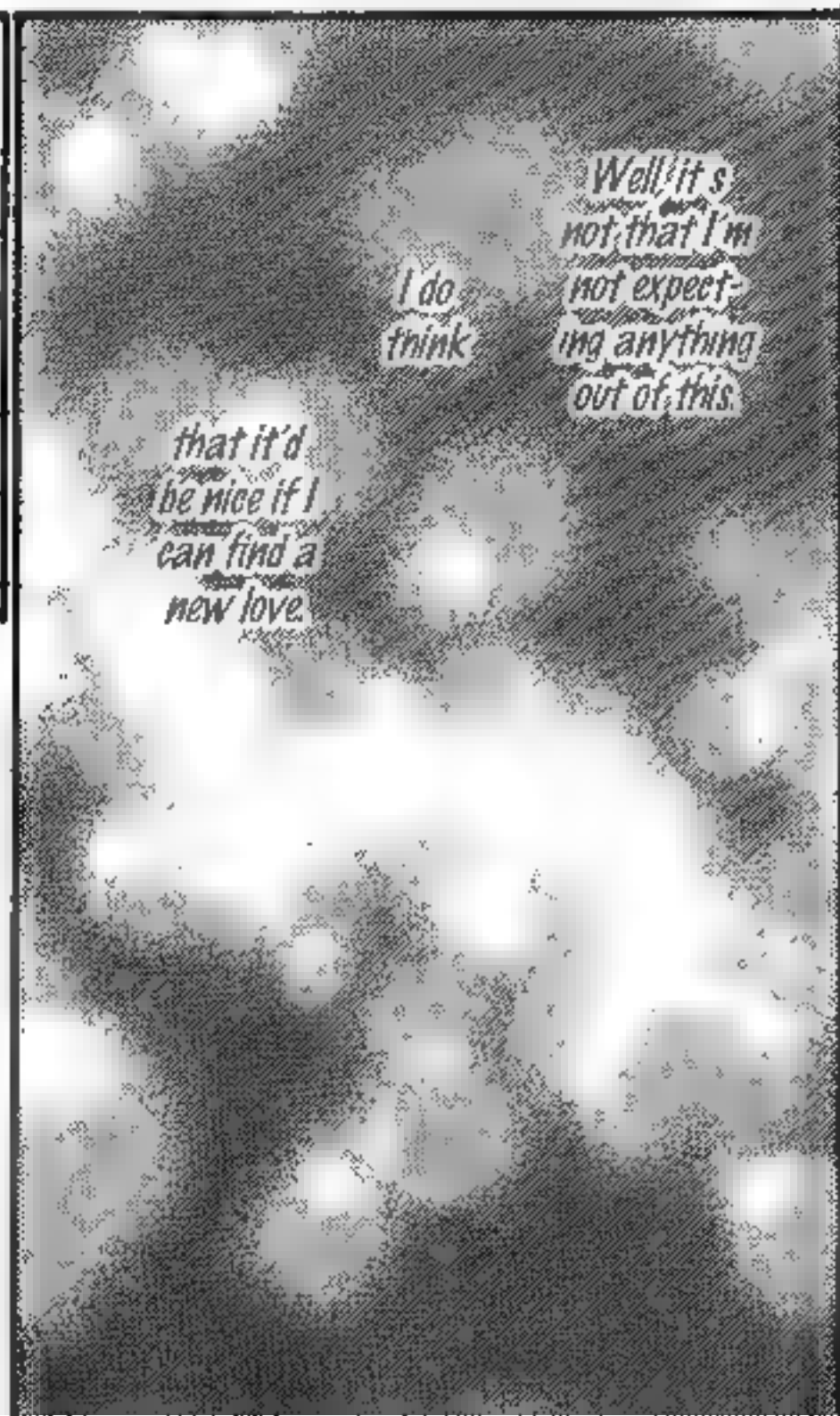
Ugh...

Starting a new
relationship...



"YOU SHOULD
BE THE ONE
CALLING HIM."

...

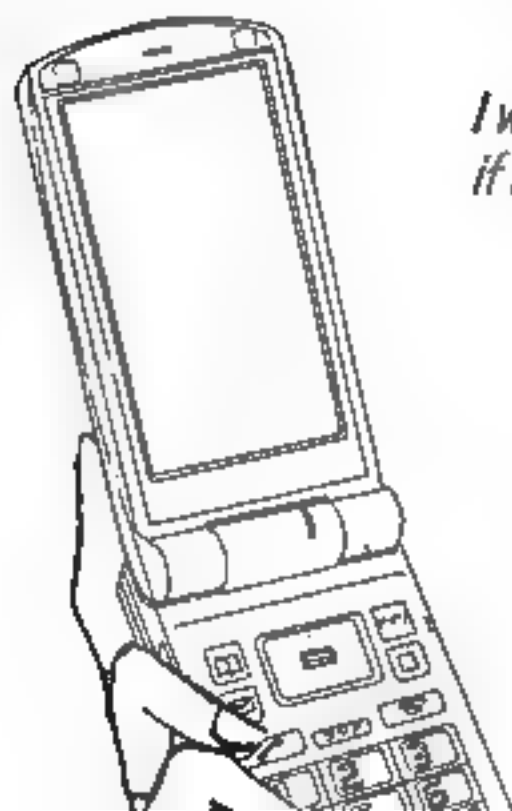


Well, it's
not that I'm
not expect-
ing anything
out of this.

I do
think

that it'd
be nice if I
can find a
new love.

to call
him...



I wonder
if it's OK

*This is
also
to make
sure of those
feelings...*

MIKA
CHAN?

*My
feelings...*

THUMP
THUMP



OHH...

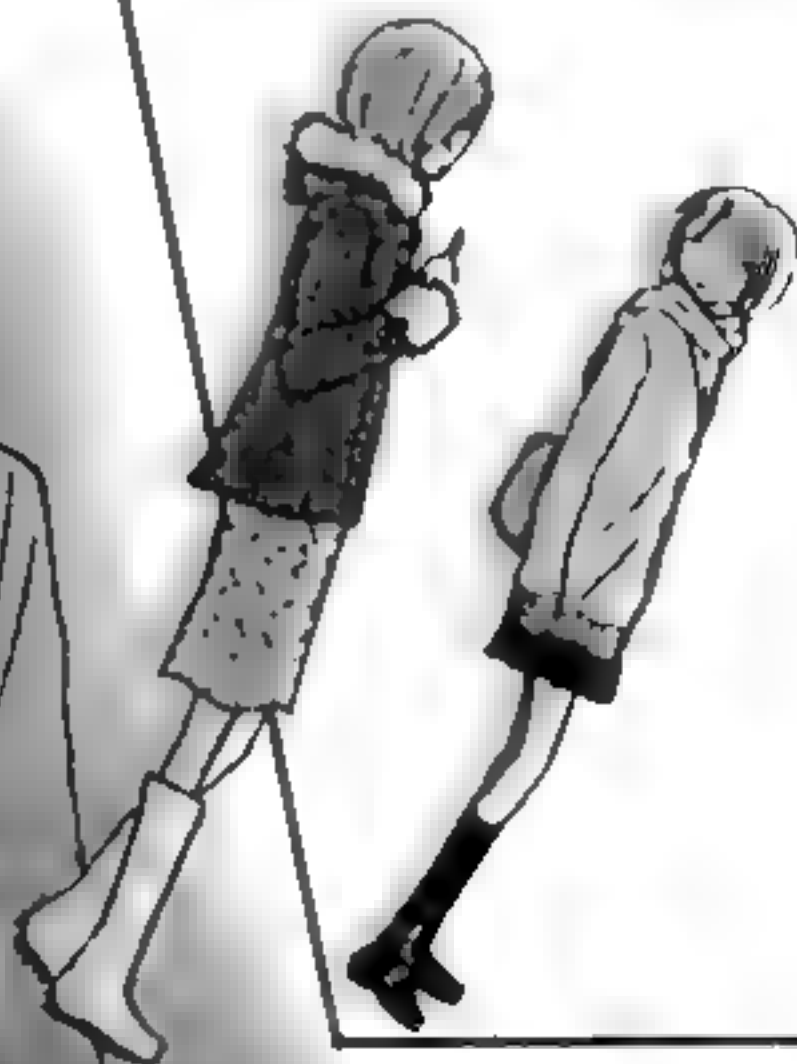
IT /S
YOU.

Huh...?

BAT-HUMP



I DON'T
KNOW IF
YOU STILL
REMEMBER
ME...?



When I was
still dating Hiro,

she's the one
who ordered
me to stop
to take me

and sent
me hateful
emails

Hiro's ex-
girlfriend...

S-SAKI-
SAN



CAFE & SWEETS

Why would
she talk to
me now...?

was probab-
ly caused by
her knocking
me down...

And on top
of that... my
miscarriage

I'M
I'M
SORRY...

TO JUST
CALL YOU
BACK LIKE
THIS...

FOR ALL
THE TERRIBLE
THINGS I DID .

I'VE
WANTED
TO APO-
LOGIZE...

BUT
THIS
WHOLE
TIME,

I'M
REALLY
SORRY
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED.



SO I HAD
TO SAY
SOME-
THING..

BUT I
REALLY
REGRET
WHAT I
DID ..

...



I KNOW AN
APOLOGY ISN'T
ENOUGH TO
FORGIVE ME .

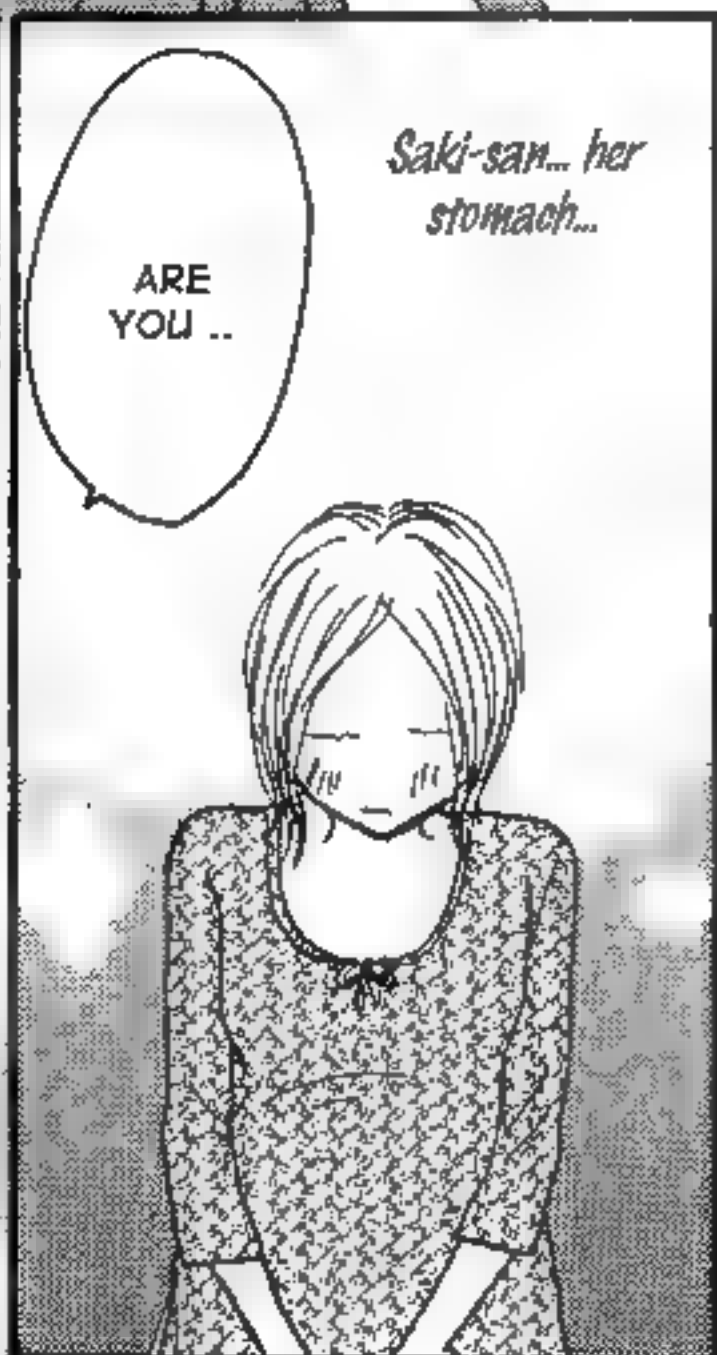


OH .

HAVING A
BABY.. ?

WITH MY
CURRENT
BOY-
FRIEND

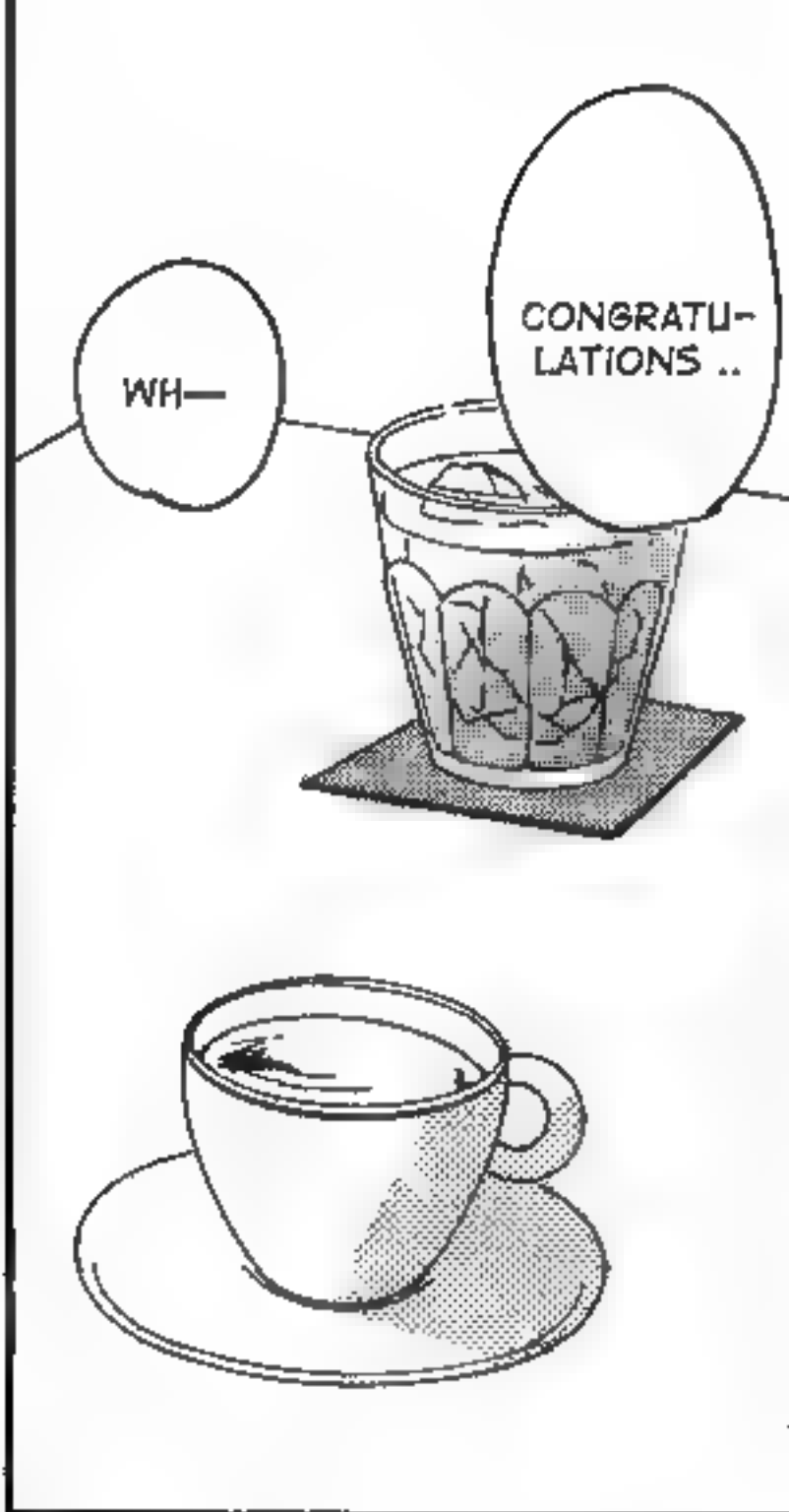
YEAH..



*Saki-san... her
stomach...*

ARE
YOU ..





WH—

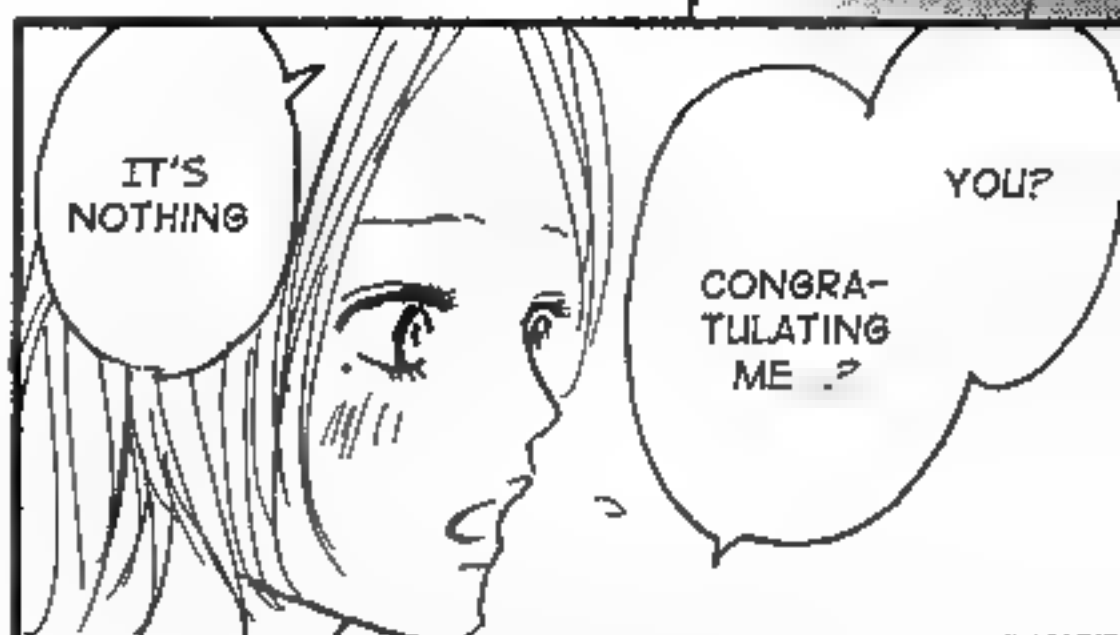
CONGRATU-
LATIONS ..

..REALLY

I'M SEVEN
MONTHS
PREGNANT



IT'S DONE AND
IN THE PAST.



IT'S
NOTHING

YOU?

CONGRA-
TULATING
ME .?



I DON'T HOLD
A GRUDGE
AGAINST YOU
OR SOME-
THING.

DON'T
WORRY .

—Yes... it's
in the past.



won't make
things go back
to normal...



Holding a grudge
against anyone

What
happened
happened.



My scar
won't dis-
appear...



The mis-
carriage...

Cutting
myself...

The
rape...

I'm haunted by
so many things
from my past.

*The only one
who knows all
those things
about me is...*

Hiro...

*I deleted his
number, but
my fingers still
remember it...*

WHAT AM I
DOING.. ?

THE
NUMBER
YOU ARE
TRYING
TO REACH

IS NO
LONGER IN
SERVICE.

*I can't
deal with
the past... I still have
feelings
for Hiro.*

BEEP

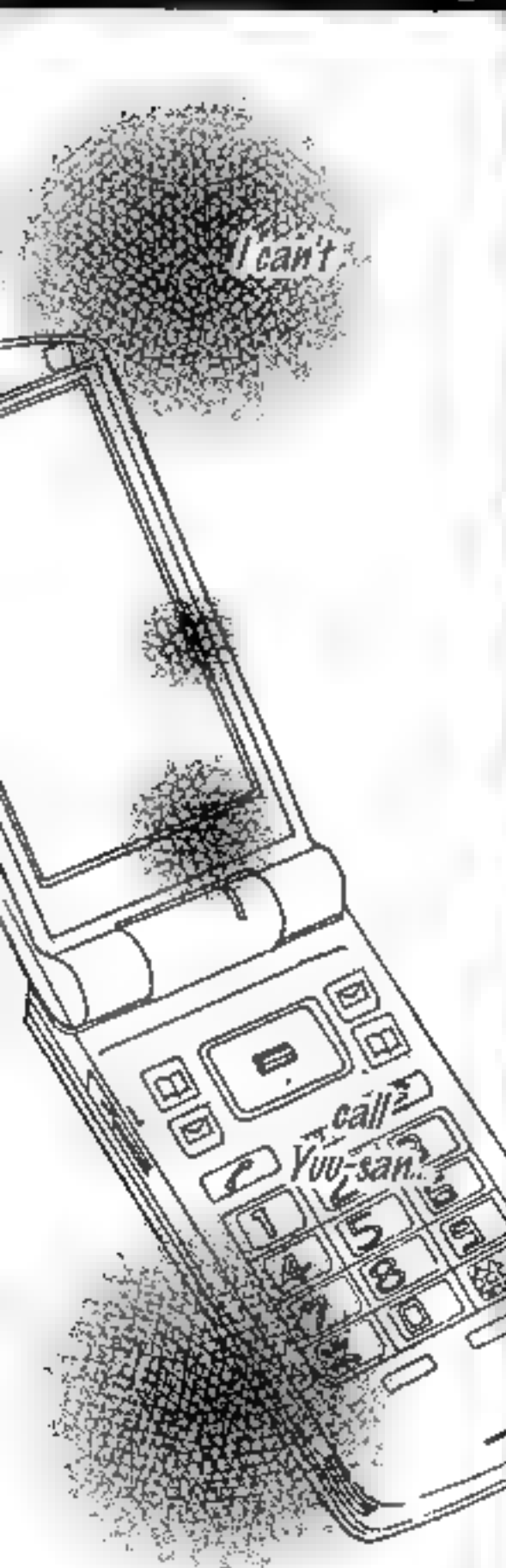
BEEP

BEEP

*I'm
ready...*

*There's
no way*

*How could I think
I'm ready for a
new relationship?*



I can't



LET'S FILL
OUT OUR
CAREER
PLANNING
FORMS!

3-C

We're already
in third year
of high school.

□進学

第一希望

第二希望

□就職

Oh,
yeah...

Now that I think
about it, when I filled
out my career plan
as a first year...

I wonder
what I'll
write...

chatter

OH, NO,
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO—

ALL RIGHT
THEN, WANT
TO SAY YOU'LL
GO FOR A
MUSIC MAJOR
AT B-UNI-
VERSITY?

NO...
NOT AT
ALL~

MIKA,

DID YOU
DECIDE
YET?

AND YOU
LIKE MUSIC,
TOO, RIGHT?

I WANT A
MUSIC-RELATED
JOB, ANYWAY,

MIKA~ WHAT'D
YOU WRITE?

BB Music Maj

OK?
Let's do it
together!

*What was
I thinking...*

*I was supposed to
have made up my
mind to move on.*

I COULDN'T
DECIDE,
EITHER—

*I wrote the
school I promised
Hiro I'd go to...*

WHAT~
WHY?

UH... IT'S
A SECRET

**GOLDEN WEEK!
GOLDEN WEEK!**

WHAT'S
WITH THE
EXCITEMENT?
YAMATO...

.. UH?

*but I keep
getting deluded
by my past...*

**WANT
TO GO?**

**LOOK AT
THIS!**

*Come relax
at*

**SHUNSU
HOT SPRINGS!**



19,500円

**HEEEEEEEY
GIRLS!**

*With the group
from the Christ-
mas party...*

THAT
SOUNDS
GREAT,
LET'S GO!

OHH, HOT
SPRINGS—

OF COURSE,
WITH THE
SAME GROUP
FROM THE
CHRISTMAS
PARTY!

CAN WE
GO TO THE
THEME
PARK, TOO?

COME ON
MIKA! YOU
SHOULD
GO, TOO!

*That
means...*

*...That's what
I thought
she'd say.*

YUU-SAN
WILL COME,
TOO!

*so I'm
happy.*

*I have friends
who are fun
to be around,*

It's true.

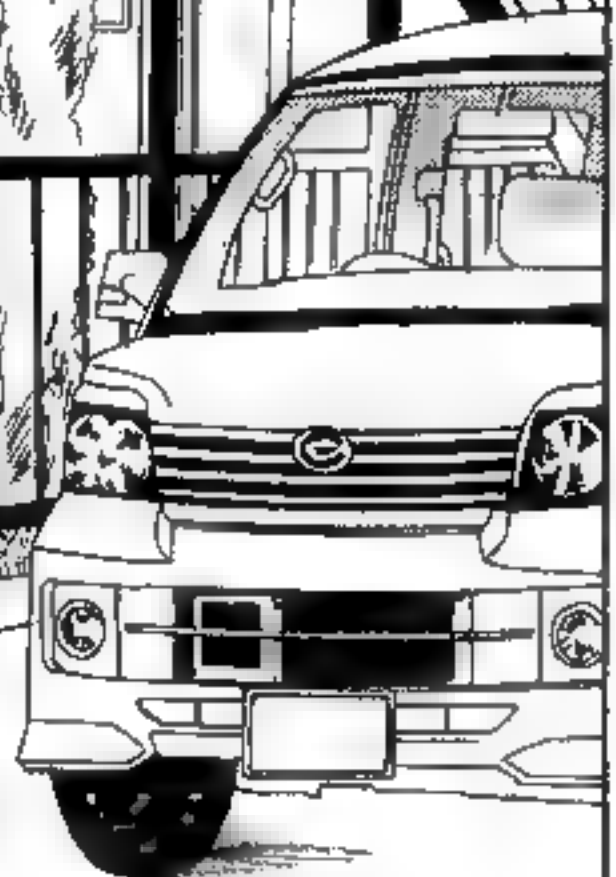
*I have to
learn to
live in the
moment.*

YOU'RE GO-
ING TO DRIVE,
KEN-CHAN?

IT'S A
RENTAL—

Wow~
Nice car~

THEN I CALL
SHOTGUN~! ♡



YO
YA BEEN
WELL?

ruffle



*Yuu-san... It's
been so long since
I've seen him...*

SLAM



Y ..YEAH

grin

grin



Yuu-san's
still Yuu-san.

But even
though it's
been a while,

As usual, Yuu-
san's keeping a
strange distance
between us...

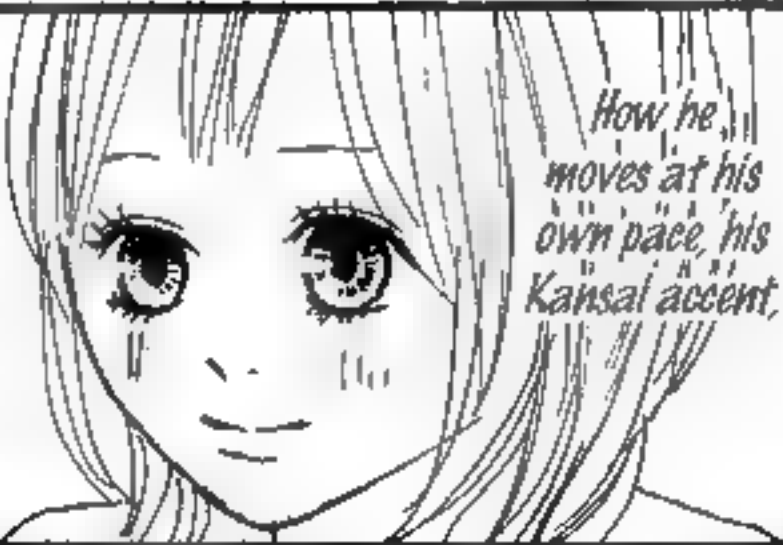
Argh... Every-
one's making
fun of me!

Ugh



his big
hands...

How he...
moves at his
own pace, his
Kansai accent,



I feel kind
of relieved...

FUTABA
PARK

I BET YOU
HAVE LOTS OF
NICE MEMO-
RIES ABOUT
IT. ♡

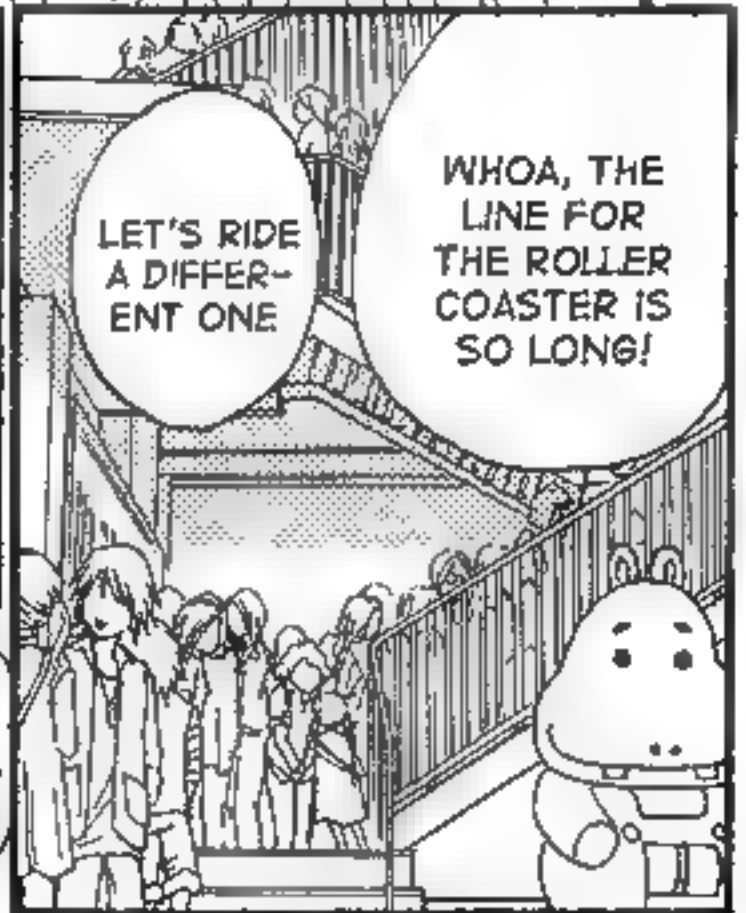
HOW ABOUT
IZUMI AND
SHINTARO GO
ON AHEAD?

Revenge



LET'S RIDE
A DIFFER-
ENT ONE

WHOA, THE
LINE FOR
THE ROLLER
COASTER IS
SO LONG!



OH, LET'S
GO OVER
THERE!

OW...

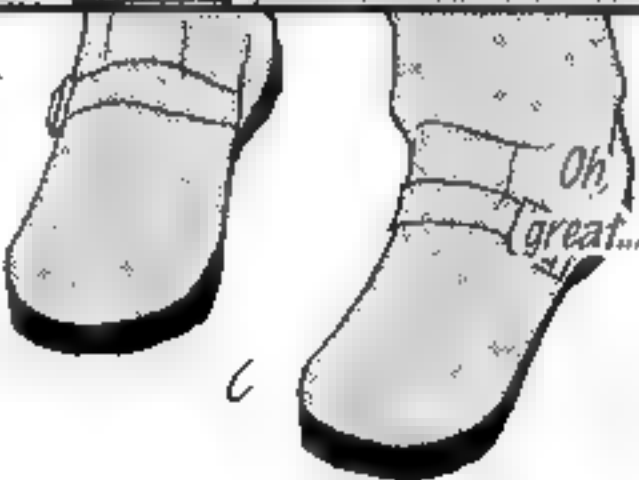
OW!



DOWN

HAUNTED HOUSE

I've never
liked
haunted
houses...



Oh,
great...

WHOA— ISN'T
THIS PLACE
FAMOUSLY
SCARY...?

o9c/p

KEN-CHAN,
LET'S GO
IN TOGE-
THER— ♡

Entrance

But I don't
want to ruin
the moment...

I'M SCARED!
I'M SCARED!

AAAAAAAAH-

MIKA-
CHAN

But I
can't say
anything...

I can't take
another step...

Ugh... I'm
hopeless.

AHHH!!!

HOLD ONTO
MY JACKET.

Yuu-
san...

Ah...

WE'LL KEEP
WALKING
LITTLE BY
LITTLE, OK?



*I thought
he might
grab my
hand...*

*Just in that
moment,*

GRAB

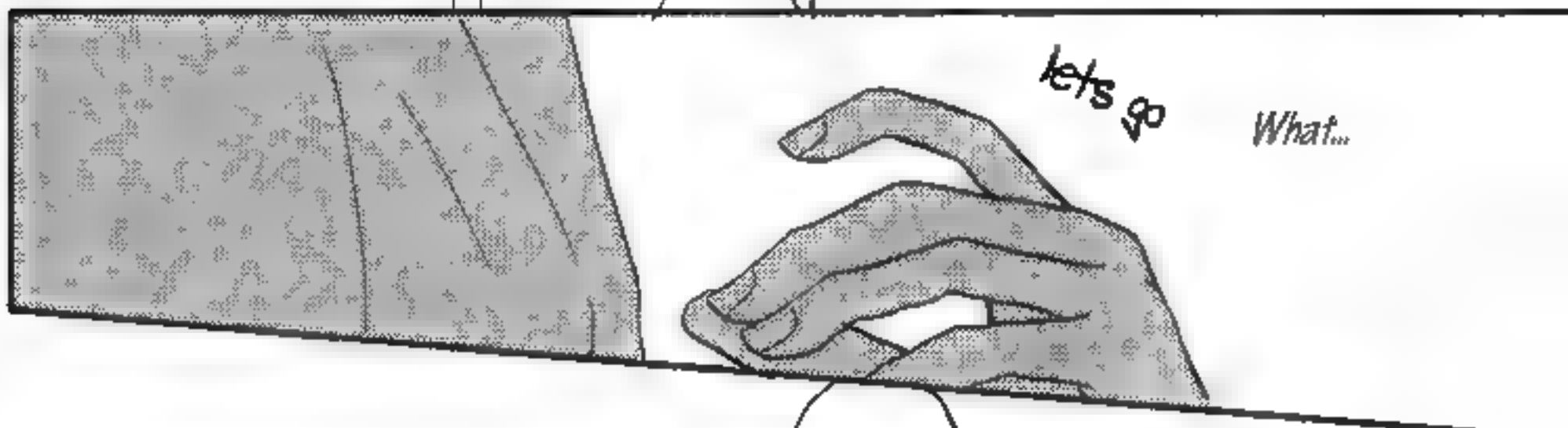


*You-san's
warmth came
through...*

*When I
cling to
his shirt,*

*He's being
considerate
about me*

*in such a
nice way.*



*the cuts on
my wrist...*

*He caught a
glimpse of...*



but...

*They've already
mostly healed,*

YOU
REALLY
HELPED
ME—

THANKS,
YUU-SAN.

What...



WHAT'S
WRONG?
DO YOU
FEEL SICK?

*If he finds
out about
my past...*

gasp

MIKA-
CHAN

*What
if Yuu-san
worries about
them...?*

What



*If Yuu-san
finds out...*

WHAT RIDE
SHOULD
WE GO
ON NEXT?

NO, I'M
FINE

kyahahaha!

*Or would
he*

*would he be
as nice as
always...?*

HEY!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN SUR-
PRISINGLY?

WHOA IZUMI,
YOUR BOOBS
ARE SURPRIS-
INGLY BIG!

Ahaha

— Wounds
of the past...

I'm afraid
that if anyone
finds out,
the wounds
might start to
hurt again.

HEY YAMATO,
THAT'S SE-
XUAL HAR-
ASSMENT!

YUKATAS
ARE HOT! ♡

It's
scary...

HEY, ALL
YOU GIRLS!

OH,
EVERYONE'S
TOGETHER?

Pshh
whatever

QUIT
BEING
GROSS—

pat

OK. ♪

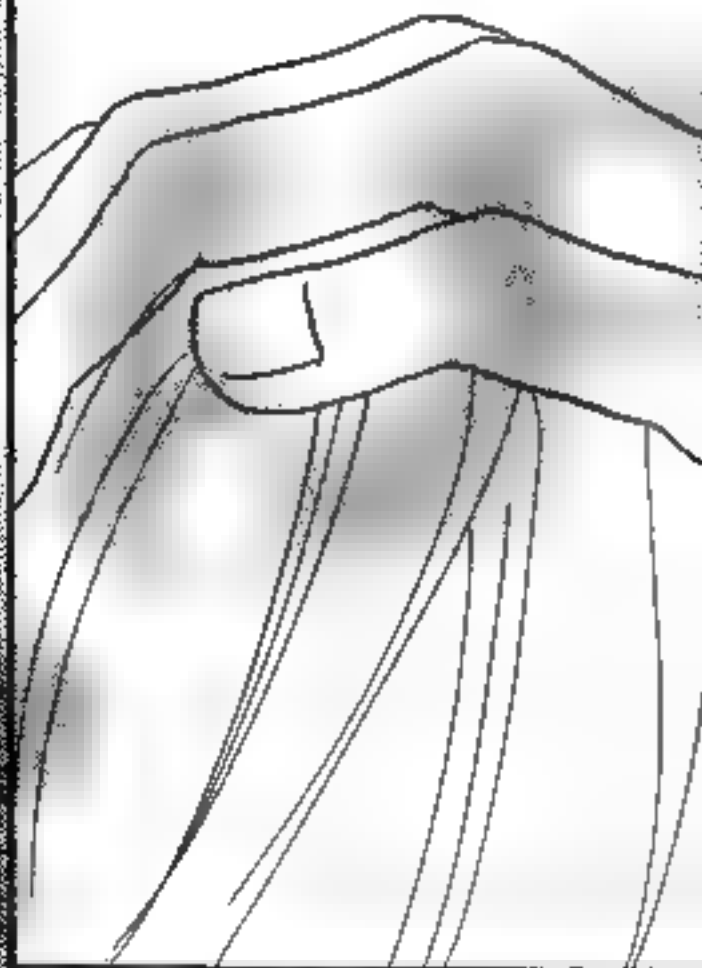
ALL RIGHT,
LET'S GO BACK
TO OUR ROOM
AND HAVE A
FEAST—



*I start to
be afraid of
losing them...*

*Sometimes,
when I'm patted
on the head by
his big hands...*

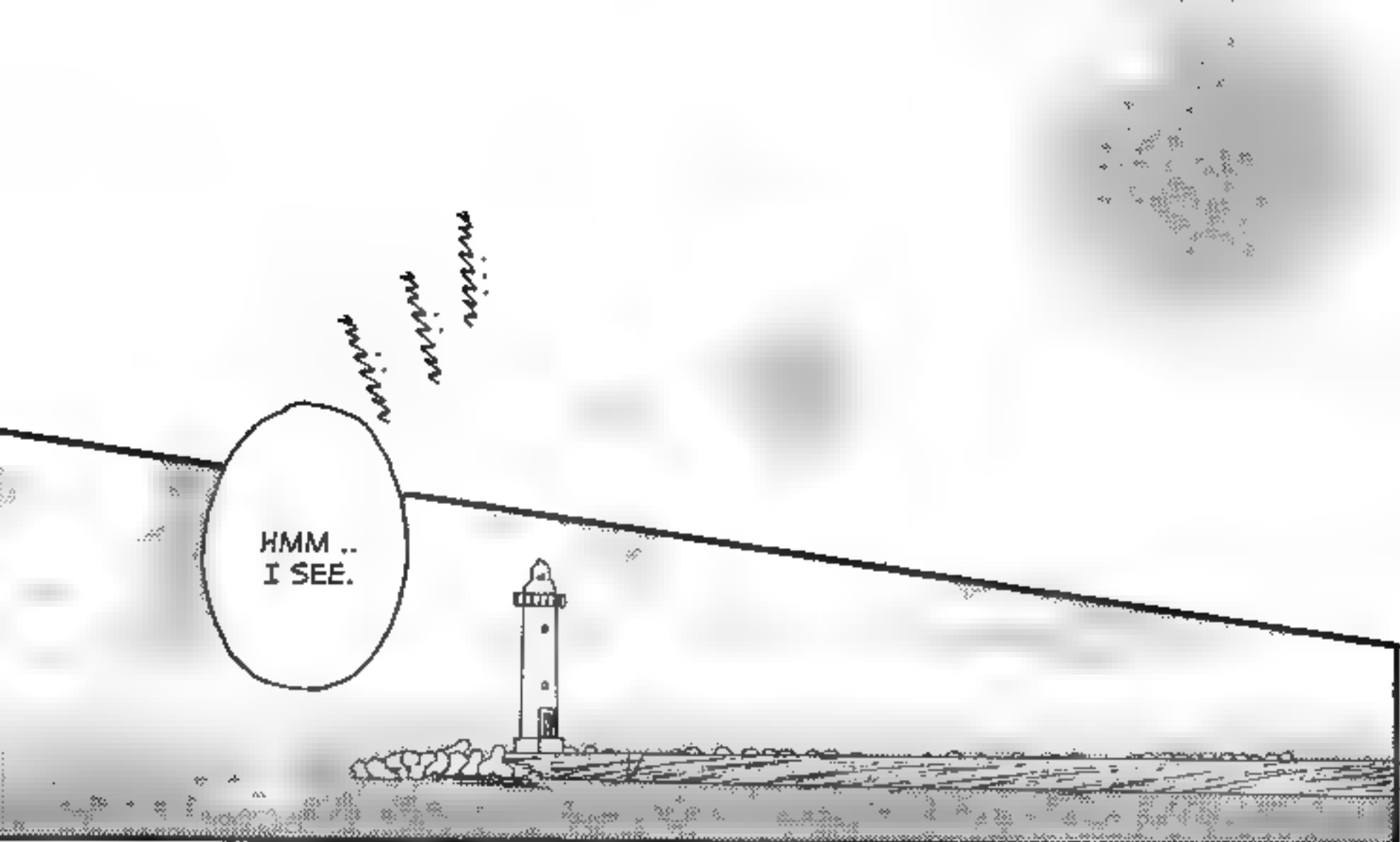
*So to make
sure that do-
esn't happen,*



*I just have to
be Yuu-san's
"little sister."*

*I keep our
distance
as it is.*





HMM ..
I SEE.

YOU SHOULD JUST
FALL IN LOVE AT YOUR
OWN PACE, MIKA.

WELL I GUESS
THERE'S
NOTHING TO
BE ANXIOUS
ABOUT.

I GUESS
YOU HAVEN'T
MADE UP
YOUR MIND
YET.

WHAT A
WASTE...

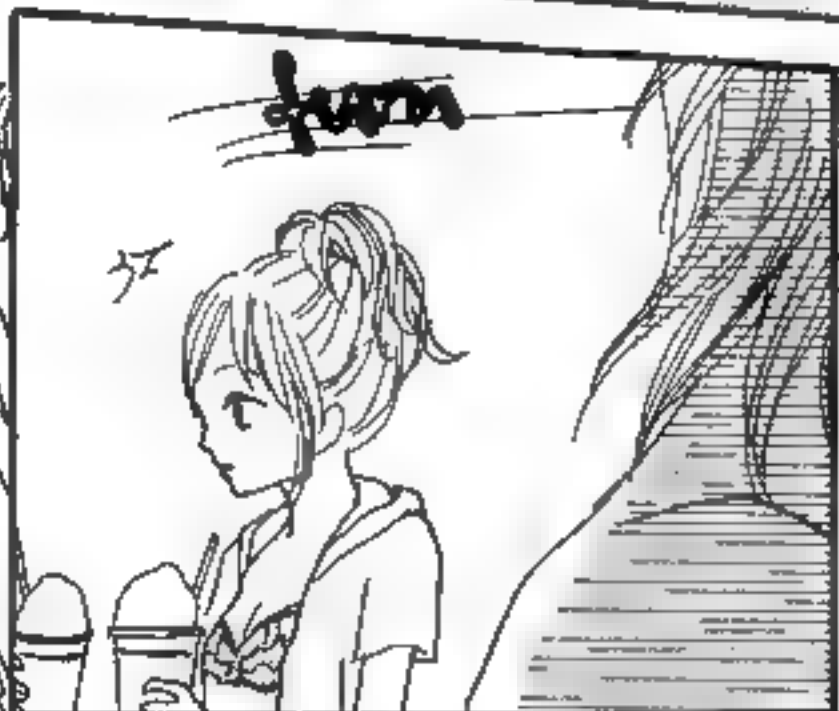


Summer break
feeling is still
not made up...

YEAH..



海の家



...turning
around
to look at

someone
who looks
like him...

wahaha~
No way!



*Turning
around
to look...*

HEY
MIKA—

YUU-SAN'S
CAR IS HERE

AT THE
SCHOOL
GATE!



WHAT'S
UP?

WAH~ KEN-
CHAN'S HERE,
TOO? ♡

YO—

SO WE
CAME TO
KIDNAP
YOU.

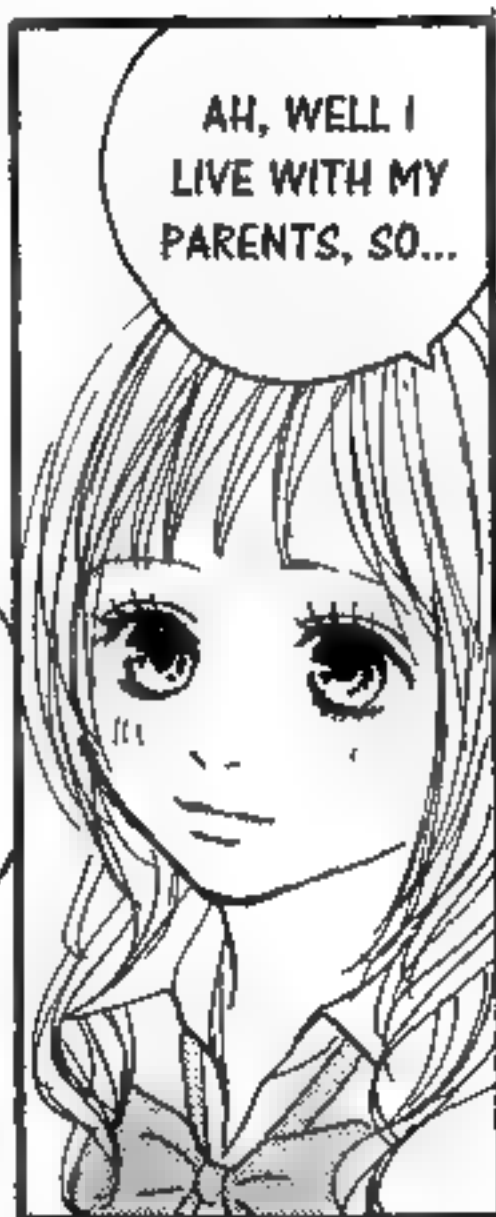
WE WERE
BORED,





HEY!

HOW
ARE
YA?



AH, WELL I
LIVE WITH MY
PARENTS, SO...



LET'S, LIKE, GO
TO KEN-CHAN
OR YUU-SAN'S
HOUSE~

WHEE~

*Even with
the new
semester,*

*Yuu-san
hadn't
changed
one bit.*

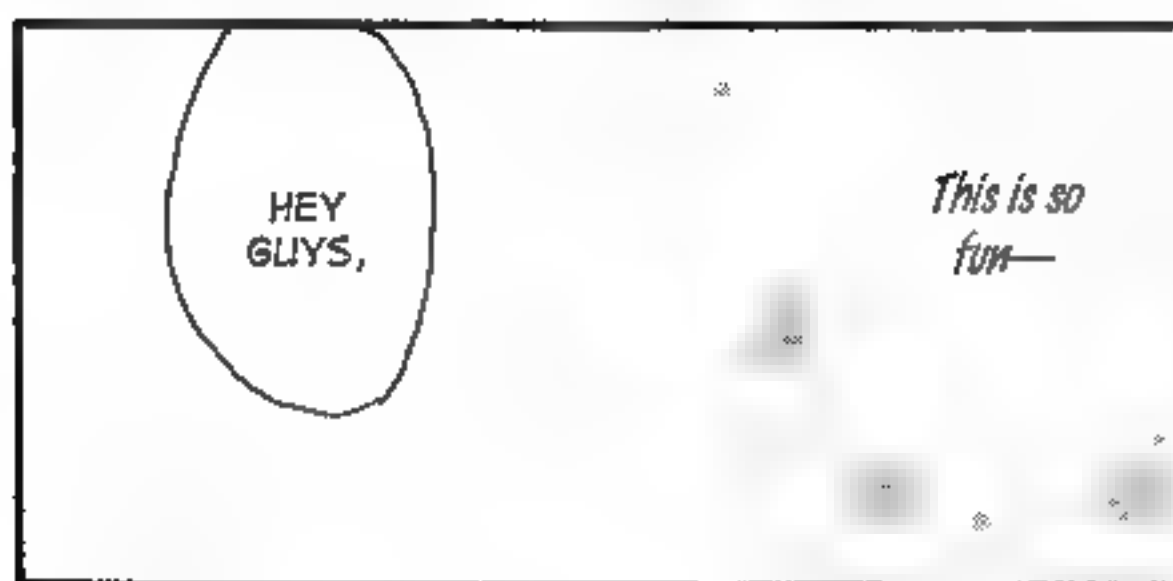


GOOD

*To me,
Yuu-san
is...*

*To Yuu-san, I'm
an innocent
little sister.*

...A kind older
brother...



ISN'T THAT A PROPOSAL?

UH...

SOMEWHAT
With a Great
night view.

I WOULD like it
to be~

Suddenly,
he hands me
the ring...

WHO
WOULD
EVEN DO
THAT?

*I should say
something
funny...*

UM...
ER

HUH

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
MIKA?

WHATEVER,
IT'S THE
ATMOSPHE-
RE, THE AT-
MOSPHERE!

WHAT
THE
HELL?
THAT'S
TOO
CORNYY!

It's hilarious!

AND THEN
FACE THE
OCEAN AND
SHOUT OUT
THAT HE
LOVES ME.

HE'D
SUDDENLY
HAND ME A
BIG BOUQUET
OF BABY'S
BREATH—

OK...
ON THE
BEACH~

KYAHAHANA!

*I don't care
what kind of
situation it is.*



*If it was from
someone I liked,*

*A love con-
fession...*

satisfied

*Good, I made
them laugh.*



gasp

SEE?

*Even though
things are fine
just the way
they are...*



HEY,
WAIT,
MIKA!

gulp

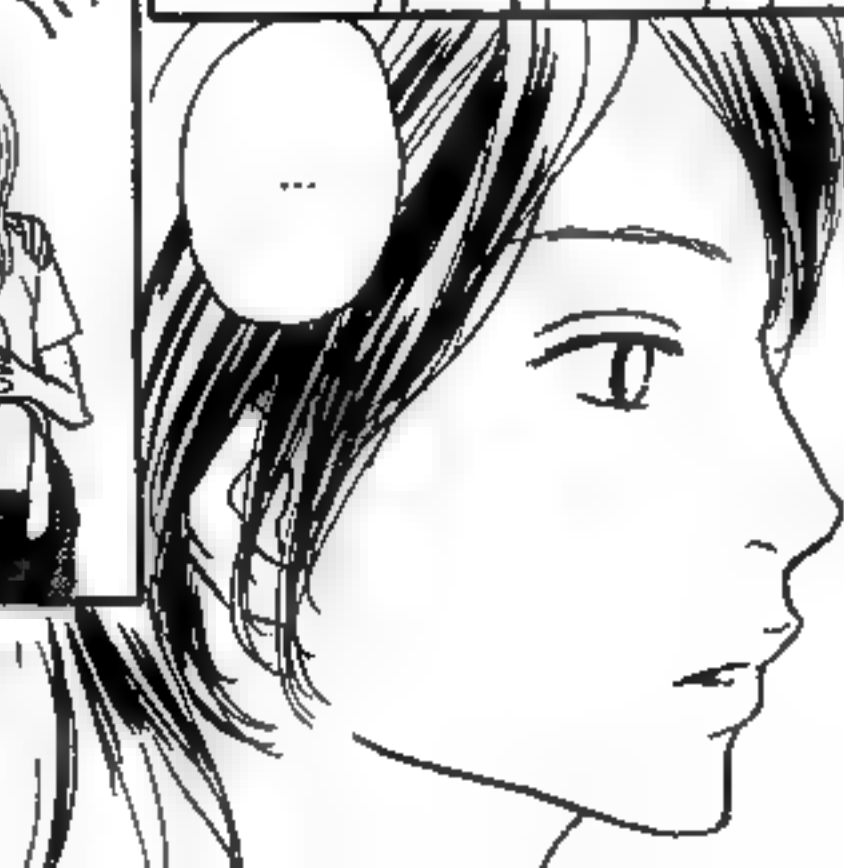
*Wh... Why
am I looking
at Yuu-san?*



...

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING GULPING
THAT DOWN—

*Even though
you can't
drink.*



*Even though
I don't expect
anything to*



*A big,
warm
hand...*

*Whose
hand...?*



*leading me
away...?*

*Taking
me.*

Where

*are we
going...?*

I fell
asleep...

Argh...

YU .
YUU-SAN...

Why... isn't
anybody here...

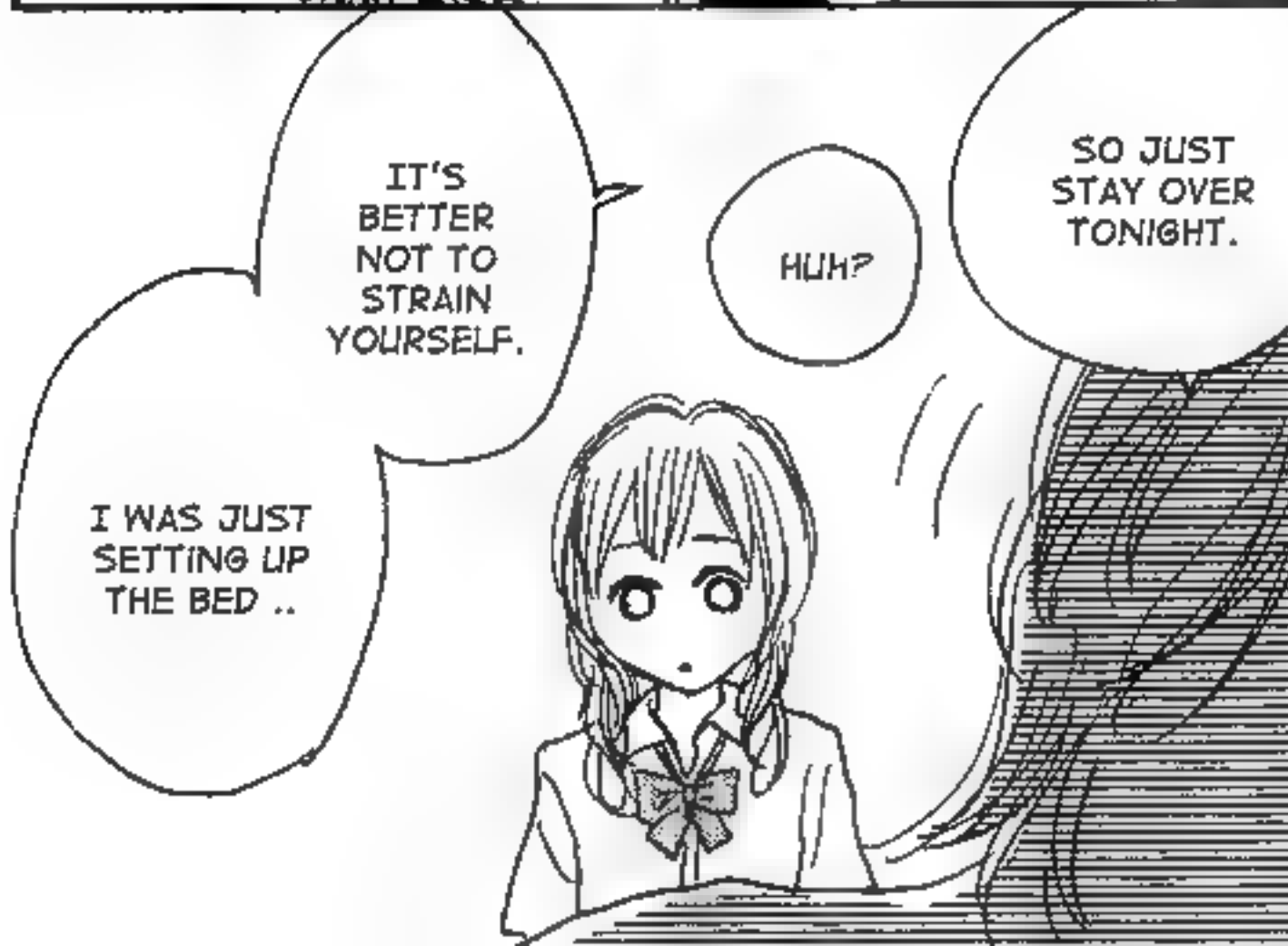
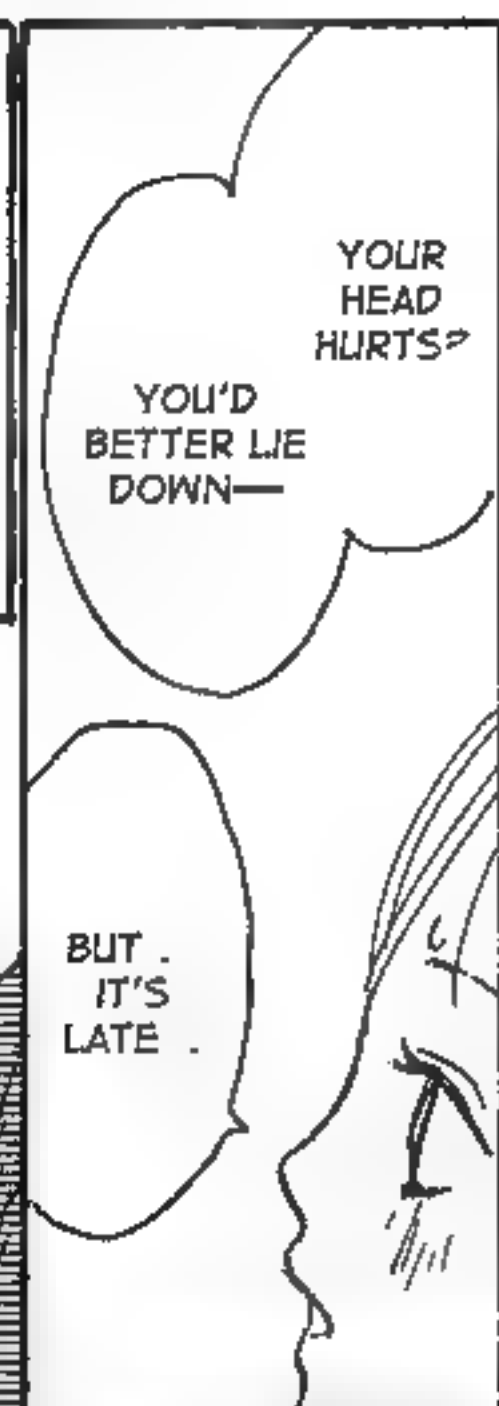
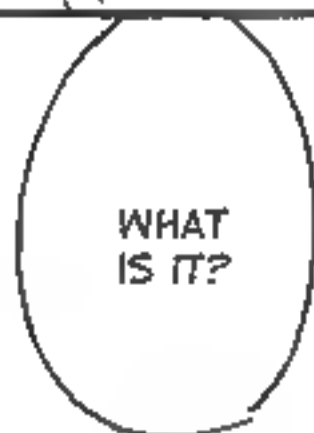
AYA~...

catch

AH

AH,

YOU'RE
UP.



I DIDN'T MEAN
FOR IT TO
SOUND BAD!

NOT LIKE
THAT!

WHOA!



*It's kind
of... cute.*

Pff...



*He's blushing
so badly.*



SUCH AN
IDIOT...

WOW,
I'M
TERRI-
BLE—

You-san...



LOOK, I'LL
TAKE YOU
HOME!

DON'T
LAUGH!

*I didn't think
it sounded dirty,
anyway.*

...

*You-san's
acting
weird.*

THANKS—
OK, I'LL
CALL HOME.

... THAT'S
NOT IT

*I knew
what he
meant.*

MIKA,
I WANT

Huh...?

SO I
NEED .

TO BE MORE
CAREFUL HOW I
SAY THINGS.

TO BE WITH
YOU MORE

ring
ring

THERE'S ALWAYS
THIS "WALL" OR
SOMETHING.

I FEEL
LIKE..

HELLO,
MIKA?!

N-NO ..

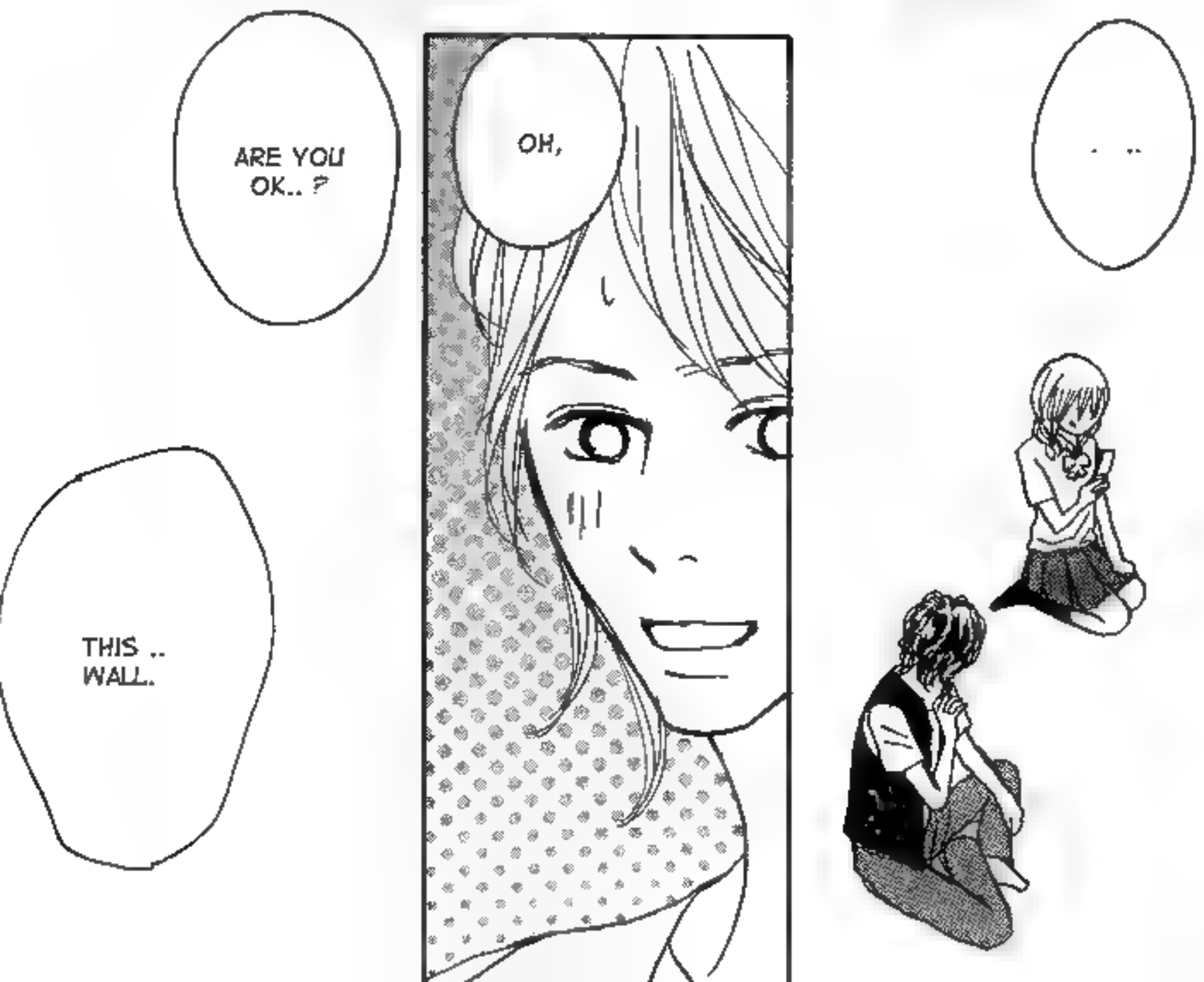
Huh...

UH.

I'M .. AT
MY FRIEND'S
HOUSE RIGHT
NOW...

♫ AH...

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
AT THIS
TIME OF
NIGHT?



*But I was ...
just protect-
ing myself.*

*I was just
focused on
my own
feelings...*

*I didn't
mean to.*

I.

I'M NOT
TRYING TO
CREATE ONE
BETWEEN
US...

I.

*of Yuu-san's
kindness...*

*I'd been taking
advantage*

MIKA-
CHAN.

WILL YOU
TELL ME
WHAT'S
WRONG?

IT'S OK
TO TAKE
IT SLOW.

...



*You-
san..*

*He
noticed..*

*He's
always*

*looking
after me.*



*YOU LOOK SO
LONELY.. ?*

*WHY IT IS
THAT SOME-
TIMES ..*



*live up to his
kindness..*

I have to

EX-
GIRLFRIEND
HARASSED
ME

MY
EX-BOY-
FRIEND'S
...

MYSELF...

I CUT

*to myself
anymore...*

I won't lie

I WAS
HOSPITAL-
IZED...

BEFORE
THAT, I

*I told him
everything—*

.BUT

I



—THIS
SPRING...

*about the
miscarriage...*



AND IT
TURNED OUT
SHE WAS
PREGNANT.

SHE
LOOKED SO
HAPPY.



I RAN INTO
HIS EX-
GIRLFRIEND.



I KEPT
THINKING,
WHY ME?

IF GOD
EXISTS,
HE'S REALLY
UNFAIR.



I GOT
JEALOUS..



BUT
ON THE
INSIDE,

I'M STILL
SO UPSET
ABOUT IT.



I THOUGHT .
THERE'S NO
POINT IN
HOLDING A
GRUDGE
AGAINST
HER ..



...THIS IS

THE REAL ME...

little





I HAD A
VAGUE IDEA
ALL ALONG

...I MEAN,
ACTUALLY,

FOR NOT
REALIZING ..

WHO
SHOULD BE
APOLOGIZ-
ING...

THAT YOU WOULD
SOMETIMES BE
ALONE AND LOOK
SO SAD.

...I'M
THE ONE

BUT I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY

IT
WORRIED
ME

SO I SAID
YOU WERE LIKE
A SISTER,
SO THAT I'D
HAVE A REASON
TO LOOK AFTER
YOU

...

YOU WERE
LIKE A KID OR
SOMETHING...

IT'S NOT
BECAUSE I
THOUGHT



AHH— CRY
HOWEVER
MUCH YOU
WANT.

Yuu-san...





IF YOU'LL LET ME,
I'LL CATCH YOU
WHEN YOU FALL.

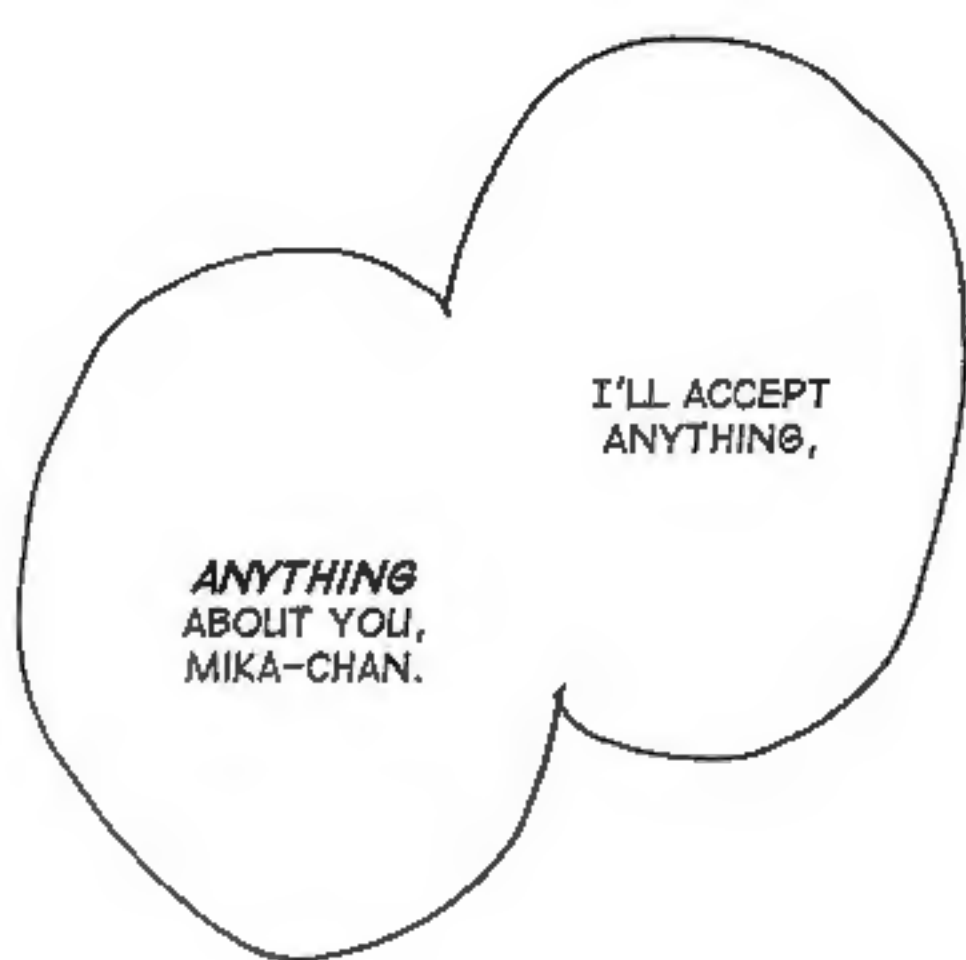
PAIN,
SADNESS,

THROW IT
ALL AT ME

I WON'T
DENY YOU
ANYTHING.

WHAT YOU'VE
GONE THROUGH

MAKES YOU
WHO YOU ARE,
MIKA-CHAN



I'LL ACCEPT
ANYTHING,

ANYTHING
ABOUT YOU,
MIKA-CHAN.

*My
fears*

*wouldn't
stop.*



*would
warm
me up,*

*that Yuu-san's
warm hands
hugging me*

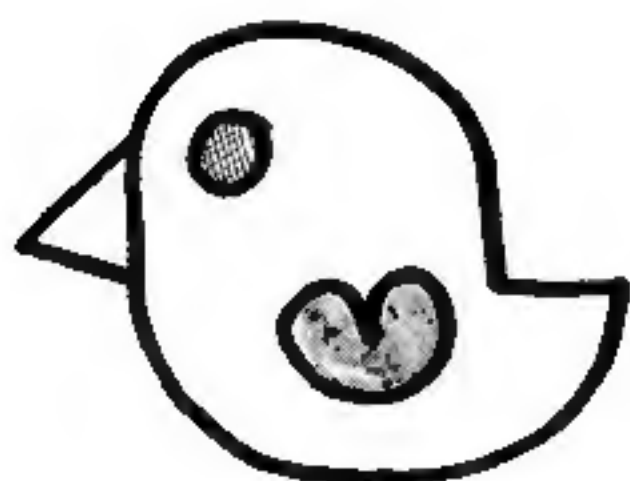
*That's when
I realized*

*he would
melt my fro-
zen heart.*

*just
like*



In her afterword in the fourth volume, Haneda Ibuki-sensei mentioned that she just cut her hair,



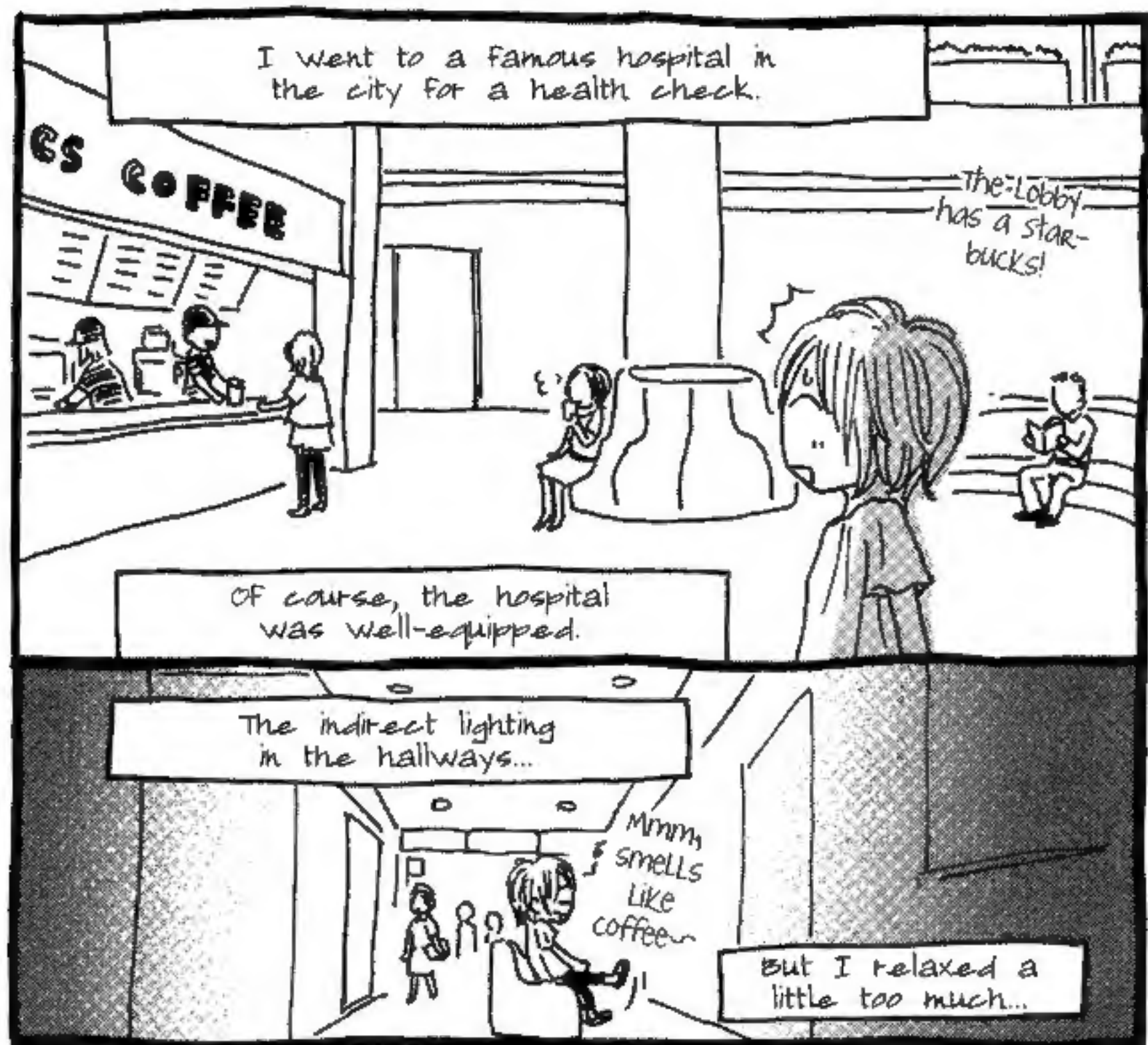
so I've been secretly looking at her photos, which she gave me during the time we had our conversation, and imagining how her new haircut would look like. (3k)

Before, I'd been trying to only look at the future, but recently I've started to think that the being able to face the past is strength in its own right.

—Mika ♪

Afterword

from Haneda Ibuki



~*~ End of chapter is ~*~